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Minister was warned about BT a year ago

Choice of new chief is appalling, says MP

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

A group of British Telecom board members told the Government a year ago of their serious disquiet about shortcomings in the company's management, it was disclosed yesterday.

The group contributed to a detailed memorandum sent in October 1986 by Sir Eldon Griffiths, a former Conservative minister, to Sir Geoffrey Pattie, then Minister for Information Technology, with a copy to the Prime Minister.

Last night, Sir Geoffrey confirmed the existence of the memorandum. He had realized it was written with help from inside BT, had treated it seriously, and had accepted that there was a lot in what it had to say.

"It was referred to BT for their views and we used it as part of our own assessment of how BT was performing. We used it as part of a mosaic," he said.

He had not been shocked by what it had to say. "One knew that what BT had come through and was still coming through was a major culture change.

"Both George Jefferson and Iain Vallance worked extremely hard to instill this competitive spirit but one has to remind the critics that 98 per cent of BT's employees joined something called the Post Office in their very early working lives."

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Yesterday Sir Eldon, MP for Bury St Edmunds, wrote to Lord Young of Graffham, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, saying he was appalled at the appointment earlier this week of BT's chief executive, Mr Vallance, to succeed Sir George.

The concern of the directors and of Sir Eldon was less with BT's heavily criticized domestic performance than with its failure, despite a cash mountain, to seize obvious commercial opportunities in the fields of information technology and the provision of electronic services on a world scale.

That was blamed on an excessive bureaucratic mentality, a leftover from the days of nationalization, that was smothering any commercial drive.

While it was felt that Sir George, had done an excellent job in steering BT through the privatization process two years earlier, he should be replaced on his retirement with a top outside industrialist who could transform the approach of the company.

Sir John Harvey-Jones, who was at that point nearing retirement as chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries, was suggested.

Sir Eldon asked Lord Young whether the Government's two nominees on the BT board had supported Mr Vallance's promotion, and has urged him to intervene personally to ensure in the national interest that BT has the highest calibre leadership.

As reported yesterday in *The Times*, ministers were also dismayed at such a rapid promotion of an insider, but Sir Eldon was scornful of suggestions that the Government, a 49 per cent shareholder, could not have intervened.

"If the Government's directors are not there to ensure the leadership of the company is in hands reflecting the interests of the nation then why are they there at all?", he said. The two government directors have approved Mr Vallance's appointment.

Sir Eldon's interest began through contacts in North America, where BT had bought the Canadian telecommunications company Mitel, which told him of the opportunities being missed by BT. That led to meetings with senior figures within BT who gave their consent to the memorandum.

The memorandum said the priorities should be to improve BT's "cumbersome, dilatory, risk-averse" internal decision-making process, to move rapidly into information technology, to acquire a top-ranking computer company, and to harness BT's cash flow to a far more ambitious international communications system.

Sir Geoffrey called Sir Eldon in for a detailed discussion, indicated that he appreciated his concern and said his views had been passed on to Sir George.

Sir Eldon said yesterday that he had perceived little sign that BT had stirred itself in the subsequent months.

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- Today *The Times* includes the first issue of a new, free publication: *The Times Property Guide*.
- The 20-page full colour supplement covers property at home and overseas, houses and flats of all ages, sizes and types and interesting features on the subject of property.
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City banking firm wins huge refund

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Another big City institution yesterday reported that it had recently received a refund running into hundreds of thousands of pounds from British Telecom because of overcharging on services over a nine-month period.

The bank, which declined to be named for fear of jeopardizing its relationship with BT, joined a chorus of City criticism by describing BT service as "abysmal both now and before privatization".

The bank discovered it was being overcharged when it called in consultants to examine its telephone charges over the period from August last year to May this year.

The period covers Big Bang, the move towards deregulation in the City, which enormously increased the reliance of financial firms on the telephone system.

The news came amid revelations that BT has been grossly overcharging many of its customers, including the Bank of England, which recently secured a refund of £250.000. The bank had also discovered the overcharging after a review of its telephone services by outside consultants.

City institutions yesterday said the poor service BT was providing could affect the City's competitiveness as Europe's financial centre.

Mr Peter Godfrey, senior manager of Midland Bank's group network services division, said that long delays were one crucial problem, with companies having to wait as long as 100 days for circuits to be delivered.

He also said there were unacceptable delays of up to six months in receiving invoices, which made it impossible for customers to prepare their own business estimates.

Mr Godfrey added: "The old method of 'you pays your money and you takes your chance' just is not acceptable any more. What we need are clear service agreements which lay down precisely what BT's standards are so that we can monitor its performance. At the moment it's a bit like turning up on a football pitch with a rugby ball."

He said that companies should have estimates of tariffs three or five years ahead as sudden changes could dramatically affect a company's costs.

Bankers said that BT had badly underestimated the capacity and needs of financial institutions and had to have a

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Thatcher and Husain meet as Gulf talks start

Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, welcoming King Husain of Jordan in London yesterday at 10 Downing Street, where the two leaders discussed the prospects for peace in the Gulf.

Guns silent as UN chief lands in Iran

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

Guns, rockets and missiles from both sides of the bitter Gulf War dramatically fell silent yesterday as Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary-General, began his crucial peace mission to Tehran to forge a permanent ceasefire between Iran and Iraq after seven years of fighting.

He arrived in the Iranian capital late yesterday afternoon by private UN-chartered Falcon jet aircraft from Paris, with a staff of nine, for the first leg of a mission that was being hailed by diplomats as his toughest assignment.

Neither Iran nor Iraq fired a shot throughout the day, in significant contrast to the revenge raids mounted by both sides 24 hours before.

Although the Secretary-General is being given only a long-odds chance on bringing a permanent end to the fighting, Western diplomats yesterday, for the first time, expressed a degree of optimism as the shooting appeared to have been postponed at least temporarily.

President Khamenei of Iran was quoted on Tehran Radio as saying: "We gladly receive the Secretary-General and are ready to listen to just words. We will listen to the word of truth from anyone, and then accept it. But we will not accept the unjust word."

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar will spend two full days in both Tehran and Baghdad, and today he is due to meet President Khamenei and the powerful Parliamentary Speaker, Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. He will also be meeting the Prime Minister, Mr Mir Hussein Moussavi, the Prime Minister, and Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Foreign Minister, during his stay in Tehran. He will fly to Baghdad on Monday, where he will see President Hussein and Mr Tareq Aziz, the Foreign Minister.

Last night, Western diplomatic sources said the Secretary-General was expected to give an oral report of his visit to Iran and Iraq to members of the Security Council next Thursday, although the first major discussion of the implications of his peace mission will be held on September 21, when all the foreign ministers will be in New York for the meeting of the UN General Assembly.

Both Britain and the United States are determined to push hard for an international arms embargo against Iran, if the officials in Tehran tell the Secretary-General they are not prepared to adhere to the UN Security Council's resolution in July, demanding a ceasefire.

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Last night diplomatic sources said the whole peace mission depended on the reaction of the Iraqi authorities, who remained highly suspicious of Iranian motives.

Iraq claims that even a temporary lull in the fighting would enable the Iranians to sell more oil, unhindered by Iraqi attacks on their tankers in the Gulf, and so would be able to finance more arms purchases for a future offensive. Yesterday, the Iranian Speaker said the key to solving the issue was the naming of Iraq as the "aggressor".

Señor Pérez de Cuéllar: Will visit Baghdad after Tehran.

Backing for peace call

King Husain of Jordan, who is in Britain for a few days on a private visit, spent over an hour with Mrs Thatcher yesterday discussing the Gulf crisis and other Middle East issues. (Michael Evans writes).

Although the King is not in a position to act in any mediating role in the Gulf War, he has strong links with President Saddam Hussein of Iraq and has urged restraint in the conflict.

King Husain and Mrs Thatcher have met frequently in the past and yesterday he is understood to have underlined his personal support for the United Nations Security Council's call for Iran to accept a ceasefire.

Diplomatic sources said that although the King had no contact with Iran, he had tried, without success, to forge better links between Iraq and Syria. He had made frequent trips to Baghdad and Damascus.

Minister rejects 'shambles' criticism of blood service

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Urgent changes in the blood transfusion service, described yesterday as a "fragmented and disorganized shambles", are likely to be called for by investigators in a report to be submitted soon to the Department of Health and Social Security.

Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, yesterday rejected a catalogue of criticisms of the service in England and Wales made by Dr John Cash, medical director of Scotland's independent service.

Mr Moore said a leading article in today's issue of the *British Medical Journal* by Dr Cash contained "many inaccuracies and distortions of fact". But he acknowledged that there was increasing pressure on the service, and said an analysis of the problems had been carried out by experts from the DHSS.

Their report would be submitted in the next few months and would be made widely available, he said.

Dr Cash has claimed that there are serious shortages of blood and blood products, and that a large number of haemophiliacs became infected with the Aids virus before contaminated transfusions and blood-clotting Factor VIII material were subjected to rigorous safety checks two years ago.

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He also said that the present system of managing the service was "wholly inappropriate, wasteful and dangerous".

Dr Cash's strongly-worded attack on the service was criticized by several directors of regional transfusion centres, who said his comments could cause a drop in public confidence in the service. But the directors admitted that serious problems did occur.

Dr Harold Gunson, director of the North-west regional transfusion centre, said: "We are having to respond to ever-increasing demands from hospitals because of the growing number of transplant operations, coronary bypasses and other types of surgery.

"But it is wrong to describe the service as a shambles and unfortunately patients may now feel they are not receiving blood products of the best quality. I can assure them that they are."

Dr Marcela Contreras, director of the north London centre, said: "I don't think we are perfect and perhaps we need more organization. We are fragmented, because it is a

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Inflation steady at 4.4%

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Britain's inflation rate held steady at 4.4 per cent last month and will fall over the remainder of the year, the Department of Employment said yesterday.

But the US trade deficit in July reached a record $16.47 billion (£9.98 billion), up from $15.7 billion in June, it was announced in Washington.

The inflation figures were in line with expectations but the US trade figures initially hit share prices. However, an unexpectedly strong performance on Wall Street, with the Dow Jones industrial average climbing above the 2.600 level, helped sentiment in London. The FT SE-100 index ended 8 points higher at 2.261.2.

The pound rose by nearly a cent to $1.6530 against a weak dollar.

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Legal move to ban anabolic steroids

By John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent

The Home Office started moves yesterday to make it a criminal offence for anyone to possess anabolic steroids, the muscle-building drugs, without a medical prescription.

It has asked the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs to consider whether steroids should be included in the controls of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

Anabolic steroids have wide applications in a number of sports to help build muscles and assist in recovery from training sessions.

Sir Arthur Gold, chairman of the Sports Council's drug abuse advisory group, said: "This is a tremendous step forward. I am delighted at the news."

The advisory council, under the chairmanship of Dr Philip Connell, is an independent body of medical specialists. It reviews the misuse of drugs and makes recommendations to the Government.

Under current legislation, it is not an offence to possess anabolic steroids; only to sell them. Individuals can bring them into Britain by claiming they are for personal use.

Mr Douglas Hogg, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, said yesterday there was growing evidence of a "dubious trade" in these drugs and that their misuse had been a matter of concern for some time.

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Although anabolic steroids are banned by the International Olympic Committee and the Sports Council, who spend £300.000 a year in a testing programme at major sports events, most of the drug-taking occurs in small gymnasiums where no tests are carried out.

'Animal Farm' fails censor's test of glasnost

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Glasnost has taken a back seat at the sixth Moscow International Book Fair, with the impounding of such subversive tracts as *Animal Farm*, *Mein Kampf* and *The Jews of Hope*. These and other Western works have fallen victim to a Moscow censor – officially known as Chief of the Commitee of Experts – who is prone to describe Western publishers as "warmongering pigs".

Angry British and American publishers have complained to the organizers of the fair about Draconian censorship restrictions which, they disclosed to *The Times* last night, had led to the confiscation of more than 30 prominent titles.

George Orwell's *Animal Farm*, Hitler's *Mein Kampf* and *The Jews of Hope*, by Martin Gilbert, the biographer of Churchill, head the list of Western books impounded by the censor since the fair opened here on Tuesday. Also banned are the much-acclaimed biography of Stalin by Isaac Deutscher and the history of the 1917 Revolution by Leonard Schapiro.

The clampdown by the resident censor at the fair, Mr Ramaz Mchedlidze, has also hit a number of well-known works by Soviet dissidents now living in the West, including the futuristic *Moscow 2042*, by Vladimir Voinovich. Another book barred was the Russian-language version of the Moscow-based thriller, *Gorky Park*, by Martin Cruz Smith.

A number of contemporary accounts of the Brezhnev and Gorbachov eras have also been banned from the exhibition hall, but a copy of *The Waking Giant*, by Martin Walker, *The Guardian's* Moscow correspondent, was returned by the censor as being acceptable for display after being held overnight.

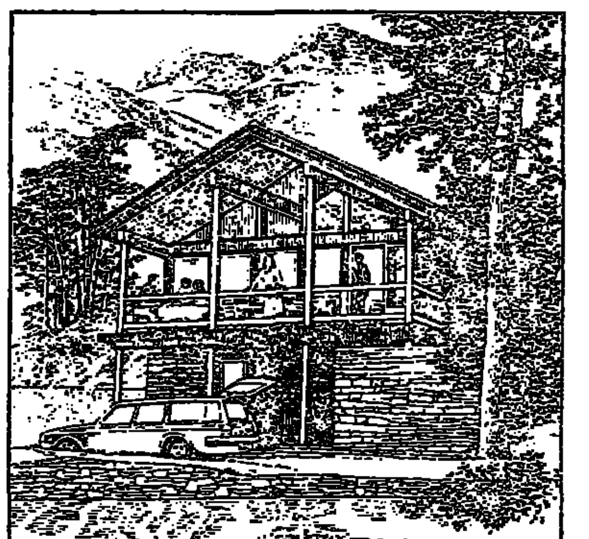
Mr Anthony Read, director of the international division of the British Publishers' Association, told *The Times*: "Some of these perfectly respectable works were seized at the Customs on arrival in the Soviet Union. Others have been confiscated by the censor as he makes his regular evening inspection of the exhibits."

Mr Read, whose organization plans to send a formal written protest to the Soviet authorities in addition to the strong verbal complaints already registered, added: "This heavy-handed behaviour is totally out of keeping with the spirit of *glasnost*. It is quite unique in world terms and would not occur at any other book fair."

Observed by an embarrassed-looking official from the Soviet Foreign Ministry, the influential American Publishers' Association yesterday erected prominent English and Russian-language protest posters in a central position near the front of its crowded main stand.

The fair, which is attended by representatives from 103 countries, goes under the general slogan "Books for peace and progress".

Since it was opened by leading members of the Politburo, it has been the scene of a number of heated exchanges between Western publishers and the Soviet censor.



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NEWS SUMMARY

Judge is asked to free supporters

A Belgian judge yesterday heard lawyers demand that the 25 Liverpool football supporters charged with manslaughter and assault during the Heysel stadium riot in 1985 should be released from prison pending their trial.

Their lawyers argued that the evidence against them was too thin to justify detention until the trial begins. Judge Herman Joosten has until Monday to decide whether to keep them on remand. There is no bail in Belgium and the release would have to be on trust.

But Mme Marina Coppieters 't Wallant, the magistrate who brought the charges against the Liverpool men earlier in the week, told the court the charges were too serious to justify release. She said the men would flee to Britain.

Parents of the 25 defendants will be allowed to visit them at Louvain Prison today. Belgian authorities have relaxed their rules on weekend visits by foreigners.

Miners' warning

The Union of Democractic Miners warned British Coal yesterday not "to sell out to Scargillism" and concede any more points in its controversial disciplinary code.

Mr David Prendergast, UDM financial secretary, said: "We will not stand for any further concessions to the National Union of Mineworkers".

The UDM gained promises from the board that its members would be allowed to work normally and be protected from attacks during possible NUM industrial action.

Bombing charges

Two men arrested by anti-terrorist branch detectives investigating fire bomb attacks on Debenhams store in London were charged at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court yesterday with plotting to manufacture incendiary devices.

Geoffrey Shepherd, aged 30, of Hillside Road, and Andrew Clarke, aged 25, of Alfoxton Road, both unemployed and from south Tottenham, were remanded in custody until Friday. They were charged with having firelighters, clocks, bulbs, batteries, wires and containers.

Homes demolished

The burned-out home of Michael Ryan, the Hungerford killer, was demolished yesterday.

Ryan set the house on fire after shooting his mother during his rampage last month.

Contractors bulldozed three neighbouring houses in South View which were also gutted. A block of flats is to be built on the site.

The 20 vehicles damaged in the rampage, some bearing bullet holes, were returned by the Thames Valley police yesterday. A spokesman said that it would be up to the owners and insurance companies to decide their fate. Ownership of Ryan's white Vauxhall Astra GTE, used in the killings, has yet to be decided.

Unionist resigns

Mr Frank Millar (right), chief executive of the Official Unionist Party, resigned yesterday, becoming the second key figure to quit political life in Northern Ireland within four days.

Mr Millar, aged 32, a strong supporter of devolution, surprised his party colleagues by announcing that he has accepted a post with London Weekend Television's *Weekend World* programme.

Cemetery strike ends

The three week dispute which halted 90 burials in Liverpool ended yesterday when union leaders agreed a return to work.

But the 30 cemetery workers, who went on strike in a dispute over re-grading, say they will make a claim through the courts for lost wages. Before the men returned to work they demanded an overtime deal for grave-diggers who had not been involved, and overtime payments to make up their lost wages. But finally they decided on court action alone.

Liverpool to lose historic ferry link with Dublin

By John Cooney

The ferry service between Liverpool and Dublin is to be scrapped next month to cut costs.

The B&I line, a Dublin shipping service started 151 years ago, also wants to reduce its workforce by almost half to 734 employees on a 10 per cent salary cut.

The move will be vigorously resisted by Irish trade unionists and almost certainly by the Irish community in Liverpool.

However, sources close to the Irish Government in Dublin indicated last night that the loss-making company would not compromise on proposals to make the firm viable. Almost certainly, the Connacht passenger ferry, which operates a cross-channel service from Liverpool to Dublin, will end next month and will be put up for sale.

Mr Tom Walsh, a prominent member of the Irish community in Liverpool, said the B&I decision would be a severe blow to the city.

"The Liverpool link is one of the key contacts between England and Ireland. Between 1847 and 1851, half a million Irish people came to Liverpool. A third of the population of Liverpool can trace their origins to those boat people."

Mr Walsh said that for several months it had been expected that B&I might close the Liverpool-Dublin ferry link. "But the announcement in Dublin has still come as an emotional shock to us", he said. "It marks the end of an era."

A B&I spokesman said the company might transfer a freight service to Liverpool, but it was inevitable that the passenger service would end. A door-to-door container service between Dublin and Fleetwood would also be discontinued. B&I sailings between Pembroke and Rosslare, Co Wexford, would be restored, however, and the ferry service between Holyhead and Dun Laoghaire would continue.

The spokesman attributed the closure of the Liverpool-Dublin ferry link to the deregulation in airfares, but said another factor might have been the Dublin Government's rules against duty-free purchases by day-trippers.

The B&I announcement is unlikely to be welcomed in Whitehall circles.

The decision is also a blow to the Liverpool dockland area at a time when the Government-sponsored campaign to restore the inner city waterway as an amenity for local people and tourists gets under way.

The only boat service to Ireland from Liverpool will now be to Belfast by Belfast Car Ferries.

Mr Walsh said he considered the biggest single factor against the Liverpool-Dublin route was the improvement in the road between Holyhead and Liverpool.

Liberals face split over fighting Owen seat

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The issue of whether a new merged Alliance party should field parliamentary candidates against Dr David Owen and his two Social Democratic Party allies at the next election looks increasingly likely to split the Liberal assembly beginning tomorrow in Harrogate.

Mr Paddy Ashdown, Liberal MP for Yeovil, yesterday laid down a clear marker by saying that special allowances could not be made for Dr Owen, Mrs Rosie Barnes and Mr John Cartwright, the SDP MPs who have said they will not join the new party.

Supporting views expressed by Mr Des Wilson, the party president, he said: "We cannot afford the luxury of sentimentality in establishing a new party. The issuing of blank cheques to those whose policy details we do not yet know is a luxury we cannot afford ... Politics, as the doctor keeps telling us, can be tough."

However, another substantial section of the party's leadership, led by Mr David Alton, the Liberal chief whip, has lined up behind Mr Roy Jenkins, the former SDP leader, who told the SDP conference in Portsmouth earlier this month that exceptions would have to be made for the trio, if only because of past loyalties.

When the issue surfaces during Tuesday's debate on the future of the Liberal Party Mr Alton and his colleagues will oppose a move they see as little more than a settling of old scores.

They will make clear their opposition to an electoral pact with the rump SDP which would allow it to fight more than the three seats, but they will argue that nothing could be more destructive than fielding candidates against those they were fighting alongside at the last election.

They are also aware of Dr Owen's veiled threats to field wrecking candidates of their own if he, Mrs Barnes and Mr Cartwright are opposed.

At a fringe meeting of the Liberal Parliamentary Association on Monday three senior Liberal MPs – Mr Alton, Mr Cyril Smith and Mr Alan Beith, the deputy party leader – will combine in a further call to Dr Owen to reconsider his opposition to the new party.

Mr Smith in particular will launch a passionate appeal along the lines that there has been too much Doctor No and it is time for some Doctor Yes.

Senior Liberals are predicting an overwhelming vote in favour of merger, though most are insistent that Mr Robert Maclennan, the new SDP leader, cannot be given the sort of policy commitments he wants on such matters as defence and nuclear power in advance of the creation of the new one-member, one-vote party.

The assembly will spend all day debating the merger possibilities on Tuesday before the framing of formal motions for the final decision on Thursday.

Party organizers are hoping that the mood of the assembly will be so apparent that there will be no need for an expensive ballot of the members to sanction merger talks.

However, Mr Phil Cottier, organizer of the "I'm Staying Liberal" group which says it will refuse, like the Owenites in the SDP, to participate in any merger, said that the leadership was scared to call a ballot. The group, which will hold a fringe meeting at the assembly on Monday, claims the support of about 200 Liberals.

Mr David Steel, who is in Ottawa for the Liberal International Congress, will miss the opening of his own assembly, but there was a growing expectation among his colleagues that he will intervene in the preliminary debate on Tuesday.

Full steam ahead in the fields

Miss Francesca Riccini of the Science Museum overseeing two 1918 Fowler BB1 steam engines, once used for ploughing, at Wroughton, Wiltshire, yesterday, for the Science Museum Wroughton's gala day tomorrow (Photograph: John Rogers).

Selection of Labour MPs

Pressure grows on Kinnock

By Philip Webster and Roland Rudd

Pressure on Mr Neil Kinnock to end the traditional role of the trade unions in selecting Labour MPs mounted sharply last night.

He is being urged by union leaders and political colleagues to drop the electoral college proposal under which unions would be guaranteed a share of the vote and back instead a straight one member one vote system restricted to party members.

An internal Labour report set up by the national executive committee to examine how both systems could operate will point to the immense administrative difficulties involved in the electoral college, originally proposed by Mr Kinnock to win union backing for his plans to extend the party franchise.

There are growing signs that the big unions who initially backed the electoral college are moving towards the alternative system.

They are proposing instead that the party should cut its membership fees to allow more trade unionists to become members

Labour's executive will on Tuesday discuss the report of the working party chaired by Mr John Evans, MP for St Helens North, established to recommend how either could work.

Mr Kinnock is emphasizing to union leaders, some of whom are highly critical of him for putting forward the electoral college without consultation, that he has no preference between the two.

It appears likely that he will recommend that the executive should leave a decision to the Labour conference in Brighton at the end of the month.

Mr Evans' report points out that if a union were allowed to vote in accordance with its present strength in local party committees, it could in extreme cases have 80 per cent of the vote.

Mr Evans has told colleagues that the examination has strengthened his support for a one member one vote system

Mr David Warburton, principal national officer of the general and municipal workers' union, has drawn up a plan for a pure one member one vote system with a sliding membership scale which is rapidly gathering support from senior union leaders.

Prisoners' cell crisis worsens

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Action by prison officers in and around London has dramatically worsened the crisis over prisoners held in police cells. Government ministers had expected the problem to disappear last week.

A total of 568 people were being held in police cells yesterday compared with 419 a week earlier. But the increase in the South-east was more startling, from 250 to 478; and the official view is that numbers could rise even higher.

Prison officers in Wandsworth, south London, Pentonville, north London, and Ashford, Middlesex, have refused to accept any new prisoners, as part of a campaign to increase staff levels. They claim that the Government's strategy to reduce the prison population has not cut the numbers in London prisons.

In the north numbers in police cells fell to 90 from 169 last week. Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, would clearly like to demonstrate before his party's conference next month that the measures he has taken have removed people from police cells.

Last July he announced an increase in remission for those serving up to and including 12 months, dependent on good behaviour. On August 3, Rollestone Camp in Wiltshire opened as a temporary prison to hold up to 360 low security prisoners.

Prince Henry follows in brother's footsteps

Prince Henry, the younger son of the Prince and Princess of Wales, is to start nursery school on Wednesday, the day after his third birthday (Alan Hamilton writes).

The Prince, who is third in line to the throne, will follow in the footsteps of his elder brother, Prince William, and spend two mornings a week at a private establishment run by Mrs Jane Mynors in Notting Hill, west London.

The kindergarten, in the basement of a Victorian terraced house five minutes from Kensington Palace, takes 36 children at a time and charges £200 a term. Eight teachers supervise the children, who are divided by age into classes known as cygnets, swans, and big swans.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were reportedly pleased with Prince William's progress at Mrs Mynors' school.

Motorway danger

Engineer fears another U-turn crash

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

An 18-mile motorway diversion may tempt drivers to make U-turns similar to the one that led to the M4 pile-up in which four people were killed on Wednesday.

Work at junction 35 at the intersection of the M32 and M18 motorways near Rawcliffe, Humberside, has caused the closure of some sliproads. Northbound traffic on the M18 wishing to turn east along the M62 towards Hull is diverted nine miles west into North Yorkshire to junction 34 where it turns round onto the eastbound carriageway to drive back to the Rawcliffe junction and continue on towards Hull.

Mr Graham Bate, a consulting civil engineer of Newport, North Humberside, complained yesterday that there were no warning signs of the diversion until it was too late to avoid it.

He said that it caused intense frustration to be launched unknowingly on to such a long diversion.

There were several emergency crossover points, designed to give access for emergency services from one carriageway to another, and he thought they presented a great temptation to drivers.

It was when a driver made a U-turn at an emergency crossover point on the M4 that it became involved in collision with two coaches and three cars.

Two Hull City councillors have been so incensed by the lack of signs well in advance to give people the opportunity to avoid the diversion, that they have prepared their own sign, which has been set up further south at the junction of the A1(M) and the M18. It suggests alternative routes to Hull and North Humberside and warns of the diversion ahead.

Mr Ronald Fairfax, who drew up the sign with Mr Colin Challen, said: "It only needs one very frustrated driver to make the attempt tp cross over the carriageways and there could be another terrible accident".

The Department of Transport said it had decided against putting up advance warning signs because drivers would create environmental and safety problems if they used other roads.

There was very little time difference between going round the diversion and leaving the motorway.

M4 crash firm denies lorry faults

By Robin Young

The wine company whose delivery lorry was blamed for causing Wednesday's fatal crash on the M4, yesterday issued copies of the vehicle's test certificate and maintenance schedule to disprove allegations made by friends and relatives of the driver that it was not roadworthy.

The company, Maison Caurette, of Waterloo Station Approach, south London, also issued photocopies of the job application form submitted by the driver's mate, James McDermott, aged 15. He and the driver of the van, Mr Robert Moxon, were killed in the crash.

The boy had entered his date of birth as March 11 1971, and claimed to be already 16 when applying for his job.

The documents also showed that the truck, a 7½-ton Bedford, had been tested by the Ministry of Transport on July 8. It had also been serviced between August 28 and September 1.

Mr Peter Major, a director of Maison Caurette, said that he had personally supervised the loading of the truck two successive days before the accident. On neither occasion had the driver complained of any faults or defects.

Earlier the company said the vehicle had a schedule of deliveries in north and west London but should not have been on the M4.

"We have no wish to make this tragedy more difficult to bear for those who have been bereaved", the company said, "but we do not intend to be made scapegoats either."

In another crash on the M4 in the early hours of yesterday morning, a lorry overturned and was struck by two cars near Newbury, Berkshire.

***Louisa Newell, aged three,* of Chingford, Essex, a passenger *in one of the cars,* suffered neck injuries and Mr David Udnehi from London, the driver of the other car, sustained serious leg injuries.**

New magazine to replace The Listener

The Listener, the BBC's loss-making current affairs and media magazine, is to be replaced by a new publication jointly financed by the corporation and independent television companies.

The announcement yesterday ends weeks of speculation about the magazine which sold more than 100,000 copies in its heyday but now has a circulation of just over 33,000.

It was uncertain last night whether the existing title, created in 1929, will remain

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New pay offer to Royal Opera chorus

By Lynda Murdin
Arts Correspondent

The new season at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, could start next week if 69 chorus members accept an improved pay offer made yesterday.

They will vote on the offer on Monday and if their acceptance is speedy the season will begin on Thursday with a revival of Verdi's *Falstaff*.

Any delay will give insufficient rehearsal time and cause further cancellations.

The dispute has already halted performances tonight and on Wednesday of Wagner's *Tannhauser*, with a loss of £84,000 in box office receipts.

Hopes of a settlement rose slightly last night.

Equity, the singers' union, said the management had suggested an adjustment of both basic rates and allowances, including some new money.

Under previous contracts, the singers, who are employed on a yearly basis, earned £176 a week if they had more than two years standing. They rejected a 5 per cent pay increase.

The Royal Opera House said last night that the timing of a decision on Monday was crucial: "We will know then when we are going to be able to get going – if at all".

Mr Peter Plouviez, general secretary of Equity, speaking at the TUC in Blackpool yesterday, expressed concern about the breakdown of the Acas talks aimed at resolving the dispute.

The singers who made up "one of the best opera choruses in the world" were paid only £176 a week while the management paid overseas singers between £3,000 and £9,000 per performance, he said.

That indicated the misguided sense of priorities of opera management in this country.

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Britons are moving away from high tax bracket

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain is no longer a highly taxed country, according to the latest international comparisons by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Tax revenue as a proportion of national income rose by 1 per cent to 39.1 per cent in Britain last year, well below the Scandinavian countries, where up to half of national income is taken by tax, and France, where the figure is 45.1 per cent.

However, Britain has a long way to go before it catches up with Japan and the United States, where tax revenues account for less than 30 per cent of national income.

The tax burden in West Germany is similar to that of Britain, with 37.4 per cent of national income taken in tax.

The latest figures from the Paris-based organization, contained in its publication *Revenue Statistics*, have caused dismay in France.

The French newspapers, which received the data early, have bemoaned the fact that France is the highest taxed of the big five industrial countries.

The pressure will be on the French government, which has followed Britain in privatization, to adopt British-style income tax cuts.

The figures show that the balance of taxation in Britain has shifted, with more than 30 per cent of taxes raised on goods and services, compared with less than 27 per cent when Mrs Margaret Thatcher first took office.

This is in line with the aim of switching the impact of taxation from direct taxes, such as income tax, to indirect taxes, such as value added tax and excise duties.

However, in line with most other countries, the Government has not been successful in reducing the overall tax burden. When the Conservatives took office in 1979, tax revenues accounted for only 32.9 per cent of national income.

Since then, the only major country which has succeeded in reducing the overall tax burden has been the US. The latest of President Reagan's tax cuts will introduce a top rate of income tax of 28 per cent.

In Britain, cuts in income tax have been offset by increases in national insurance contributions. Even so, these social security contributions are relatively less burdensome than in most other countries.

Social security contributions accounted for 17.5 per cent of all tax revenues in Britain last year, compared with 36.5 per cent in West Germany and 43.6 per cent in France.

Part of the apparent rise in Britain's overall tax burden is also explained by the sharp recovery in company profits, which have boosted corporation tax receipts.

In addition, incomes have grown faster than inflation and this has produced a rapid growth in income tax receipts.

The strong rise in consumer spending, with retail sales up by 6 per cent, has boosted value-added tax receipts.

Lord Nelson restored to former glory

Nelson's good eye getting a touch of restorative treatment as technician Neil Staniforth injects epoxy resin into the head of his statue high above Trafalgar Square yesterday. The resin will repair cracks discovered in the 144-year-old statue when it was being cleaned (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

Former soldier sentenced for firing at police

A former soldier, who was distressed after a six-month tour of Northern Ireland and the loss of his girl friend, stole a motorcycle and fired a gun at the police, a court was told yesterday.

Alastair Haig, aged 19, of Oulton Broad, Lowestoft, Suffolk, took two guns from his father's collection last May and robbed a motorcycle shopkeeper, Ipswich Crown Court was told.

Mr Chris Ball, for the prosecution, said Haig kept the police at bay for two hours with the weapons. He was eventually cornered at a school, where he talked to his former girl friend before surrendering.

Haig was sentenced to three concurrent terms of five years' youth custody after he admitted having a firearm with intent, robbery and using a firearm to resist arrest.

Mr Ball said: "Haig openly walked into the street with a rifle slung over his shoulder, a pistol in a holster, 80 rounds of ammunition and a sheath knife on his belt.

"He entered the East Bike motorcycle shop and asked to be given a Yamaha machine."

The court was told that the shopkeeper, Mr Mark Chilvers, gave him the motorcycle.

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Windfall to be spent on cruise

A retired chemist is planning to spend his share of *The Times* Portfolio Gold competition win on a luxury cruise.

Mr Barry Harder, aged 57, of Caroline Court, Bath Road, Reading, Berkshire, recently retired as a chemist with the Atomic Energy Authority, and said his first win comes only days before his birthday.

Mr Harder, a bachelor, said: "This has come as something of a surprise and I plan to take a holiday on a cruise."

The other winner sharing the £4,000 prize was Dr Conel Alexander, a consultant physician at Leicester Hospital, of Ratcliffe Road, Leicester, who plans to spend the windfall on his home and garden.

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National bat conference is under way

More than 200 bat enthusiasts carrying dozens of bats arrived in Durham last night for a two-and-a-half-day conference (Ruth Gledhill writes).

Bat workers and academics are meeting at the third National Bat Conference to discuss ways to halt the serious decline of the mammal, which has suffered as a result of herbicides, pesticides and a fall in the numbers of hollow trees, churches and castles to colonize.

A quiet room is being set aside for the bats at the conference, at the college of St Hild and St Bede at Durham University.

The fight against crime

Hurd calls for 'moral revival'

By Sheila Gunn
Political Staff

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, appealed last night for a revival of moral standards at home, in the classroom and on television, to staunch the rise in crime.

The descent into slovenliness needed to be reversed by rebuilding traditional defences against crime, he said.

He disclosed in a keynote speech setting out his law and order strategy that there was "a hint of a glimmer of hope" that crime rates had stopped rising in some of the worst urban areas. Figures for the percentage of crimes cleared up by police also showed signs of improving.

"But if we are to succeed in really rolling back the pall of fear which crime casts over too many homes, we need to look inwards".

He added that his words applied to "the bobby on the beat certainly, but also the parent in the home, and the teacher at the desk – and now we must add the television producer in the studio".

Mrs Thatcher is expected to echo Mr Hurd in voicing her concern about television sex and violence at a meeting with the heads of television companies at Downing Street this month.

Police seek law to halt knife abuse

By Mark Ellis

New laws to curb the carrying of offensive weapons were demanded yesterday by the Police Federation, representing Britain's rank and file police officers.

The call came after a man was given a suspended prison sentence for carrying a swordstick, which he used to fight off a violent attacker.

The right-wing Freedom Association urged police to stop and search more people, especially in inner city areas. It blamed police monitoring groups for exerting so much pressure in the name of community relations that the ability to police certain areas was in doubt.

An investigation into the carrying of weapons by the public will be set up by the Howard League, a penal reform group.

Miss Frances Crook, director of the league, said: "We are concerned to discover everything about individuals owning and carrying weapons, the reasons and types of weapons and how they are used".

Mr Tony Judge, spokesman for the Police Federation, said the Home Office had been consulted and was considering legislation. He added: "We would like to see the law tightened up on offensive weapons.

"There are a number of very dangerous knives, particularly survival knives, on open sale which have no real value other than for the knife fancying cult. They have no practical use and are simply vicious weapons totally unsuitable for use in urban areas."

Mr Gerald Hartup, campaign director of the Freedom Association, said it was proper for someone carrying an offensive weapon to be convicted. He was concerned that some people in inner city areas felt the need to carry a weapon in case of attack.

A spokesman for the National Council for Civil Liberties said it opposed increases in police powers to stop and search people and said studies had shown that such measures were counter-productive by building up bad feelings between the police and community.

Eric Butler, aged 56, of Forest Glade, Waltham Forest, north-east London, said yesterday he had received many messages of suppport since his conviction on Thursday at Wood Green Crown Court for carrying an offensive weapon.

He was given a 28-day suspended prison sentence and fined £200 as well as forfeiting his £400 swordstick.

Accused 'promised to avenge death of girl'

A man accused of murdering a schoolgirl wept and promised to avenge her killing, a court was told yesterday.

Mr Antony Shirley, aged 18, of Lumley Avenue, Skegness, Lincolnshire, has been charged with the murder of Nicola Spencer, aged seven, at her home in Skegness last year. He has pleaded not guilty.

Yesterday Miss Veronica Bradshaw told Nottingham Crown Court that she met Mr Shirley the day after the killing. She said he seemed upset at the news of the girl's death. "He told me, 'Whoever it is, we'll kill them', and started crying", she said.

Another witness, Julie Heppenstall, told the court that Mr Shirley became emotional whenever the murder was mentioned. "Whenever we talked about the murder, he seemed nervous", she said.

An ambulanceman who tried to resuscitate the girl told the court her body was still warm when he arrived at the scene.

The court was read a written statement from a barman who had been working in the public house where the schoolgirl's mother, Mrs Christina Spencer, had been drinking with friends on the night of the murder.

Mr Wayne Pilcher said Mrs Spencer's boy friend, Mr Nigel Marriott, left the public house at about 10.30 pm on December 18 and returned about 10 minutes later with the news that he had found the girl's body.

The trial continues.

Dunhill heir 'admitted he used cocaine'

The heir to the Dunhill tobacco fortune admitted to police that he had a "half to a couple of grams a week" cocaine habit, Knightsbridge Crown Court, central London, was told yesterday. Christopher Dunhill, aged 32, is said to have made the admission after his flat was raided by drugs squad officers in July last year. The officers were also said to have stumbled on £70,000 worth of stolen carpets and tapestries.

Mr Dunhill, of Spencer Court, Marble Place, St John's Wood, north-west London, denies handling stolen carpets and tapestries. He has pleaded guilty to supplying cocaine and has admitted possessing amphetamines.

The trial continues on Monday.

Security for £30m safe deposit case

There was tight security at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court in London yesterday as eight people appeared on charges connected with Britain's biggest robbery.

Valerio Viccei, 32, from Rome, was accused of robbing his co-defendant Parvez Latif, director of the Knightsbridge Safety Deposit Centre, of property worth £30 million.

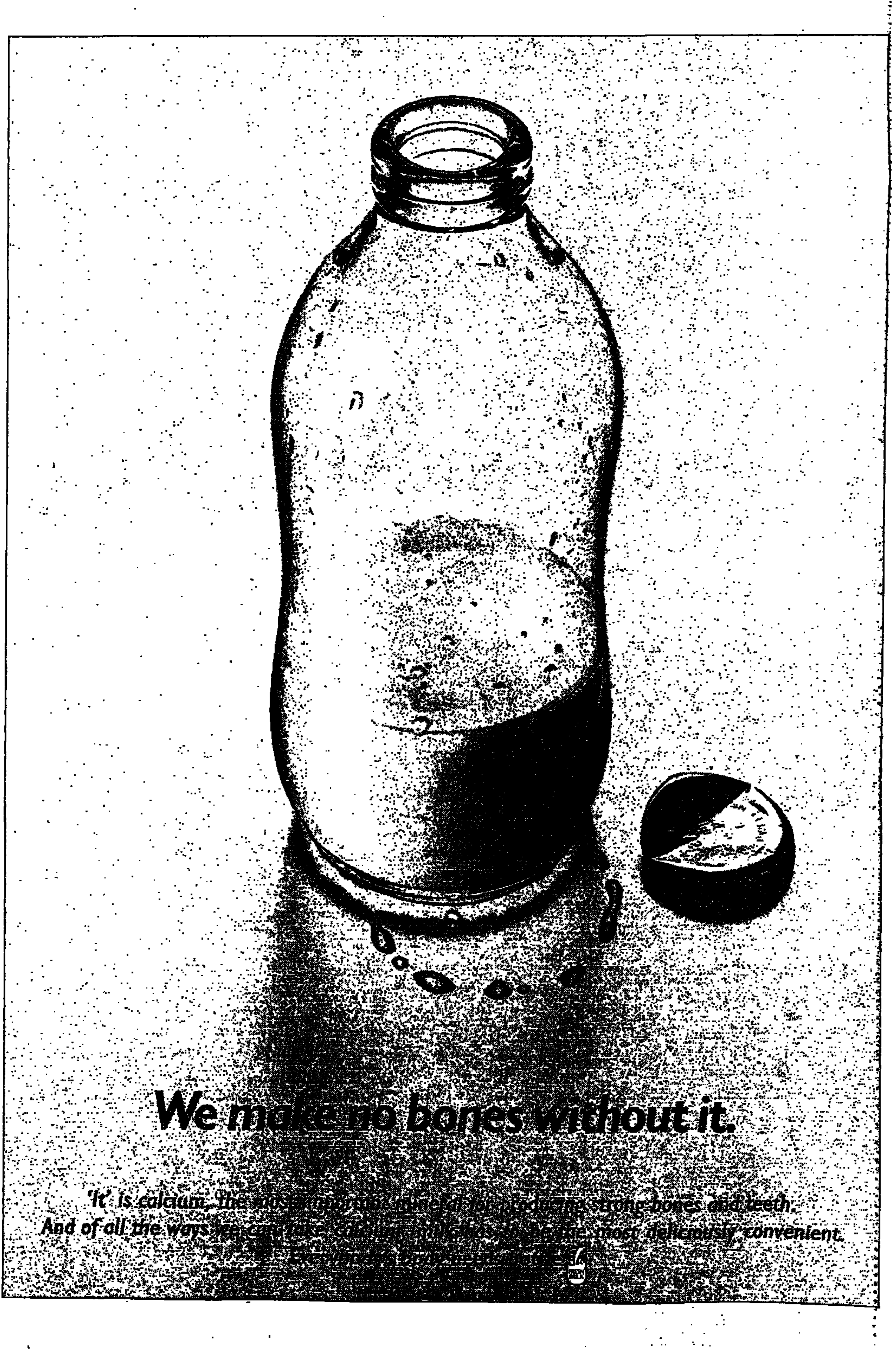
Mr Viccei was remanded to appear next Friday.

Mr Latif, 30, of Willesden Green, northwest London, was remanded in custody charged with robbing his own security guard. Pamela Seamarks, 29, of Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire, who is charged with handling stolen cash, was granted £50,000 bail. Bail was renewed for Eliahu Ephrati, 42, of Golders Green, north-west London, charged with handling £3 million of stolen diamonds.

Rosemary Poole, 44, of Addiscombe, Surrey, who is accused of handling stolen money, was bailed. Her husband David, 47, of Wandsworth, south London, was remanded in custody on a charge of robbery.

Three other London men charged with robbery were also remanded in custody. They were: Israel Pinkas, 46, of Golders Green, Stephen Mann, 38, of East Finchley and Peter O'Donaghue, 33.

Helle Skoubon, 29, charged with handling stolen jewellery and cash, was bailed.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TUC leaders still faced with a grim fight for survival

By Tim Jones

Divided over important issues, union leaders left Blackpool yesterday hoping that a new Trades Union Congress review body will solve the movement's membership crisis.

More crucially, the review body will also try to resolve bitter differences within the TUC over the issue of single-union no-strike deals.

No other question debated during the week demonstrated more clearly the clash between the exponents of "new realism" and the fundamentalists, who maintain that a "surrender" of the right to withdraw labour is a betrayal of the movement's Tolpuddle roots.

It is the dividing line between two philosophies — the hard left, who see no dishonour in confrontation and strikes, and the modernists, who see no shame in co-operating fully with management if they secure the right benefits.

Unless an honourable solution is found, it could have damaging consequences for the TUC. Mr Eric Hammond, the leader of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, could march his 336,000 members out of the movement. If that happened, a domino effect could tempt others to follow.

While the review is in progress, the electricians will continue to sign no-strike deals, although they have given an undertaking to inform Mr Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary, of them.

To the intense fury of Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, the electricians' leaders have indicated that instead of being bound by any general council ruling on the issue, they will maintain their sovereignty by holding a ballot of their members.

When it considers the crisis of falling membership, the role and organization of the TUC itself will also be examined. Increasingly, there is a growing feeling among some influential leaders that too much of the TUC's scarce financial resources are misdirected.

They recognize that the days of beer and sandwiches at No 10, when unions influenced government legislation, are over. The movement must realize that the Government no longer listens to it. So, leaders argue, rather than commit money and brain power producing worthy documents on economic policy which are promptly thrown into the Downing Street dustbin, funds should be redirected at increasing membership.

Unions cannot simply blame the Government's "destruction of manufacturing industries" for the decline in membership. Mr Willis has acknowledged that there are considerable difficulties in organizing membership drives in new towns and on new industrial estates.

Even in Scotland, where the Conservatives were largely rejected in the last election, research has shown high levels of non-unionism within new firms. Mr Willis said: "It is likely that some of these towns use the prevailing non-union environment as a selling point when trying to attract new firms".

The movement, he said, must concentrate on improving its standing and on being relevant to members, potential members and also to employers and public authorities.

Easier said than done. Many activists who sit on the policy-making national executive committees of their unions appear to be at ideological odds with the rank and file members they represent.

The point was beautifully demonstrated this week when Mr Alan Tuffin, of the Union of Communication Workers, asked the 1,060 delegates how many of them owned shares. Only the hand of Mr Scargill was raised and he admitted to owning shares in the company which publishes the communist *Morning Star* newspaper.

The delegates, Mr Tuffin said, were not typical of their members.

Many of those members will be wondering about conference decisions to support unilateral disarmament, call for a national ban on overtime work and campaign against the Government's proposed trade union reforms when so many of them support them.

For the TUC and individual unions, it is a debate about survival. As Mr John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB, said: "Unless we change, we will cease to be a mass movement which can claim to speak for all the working people of Britain".

Mr George Buckley holding two gun magazines yesterday at the conference. The advertisements in them would frighten delegates to death, he said. One, for a pump-action shotgun, claimed that it was easy to work — "even for a young child".

GUNS

Call for tighter gun sale control

By John Spicer

The availability of guns, similar to those used by Michael Ryan, who killed 16 people in Hungerford, Berkshire, last month, was highlighted by a delegate at the TUC conference yesterday when Mr George Buckley appeared on the rostrum holding up copies of two magazines *Guns* and *Gunmart*.

Mr Buckley was raising an emergency motion on behalf of the Furniture, Timber and Allied Trades Union, calling for an amnesty to allow people to hand in such guns without fear of prosecution.

Mr Buckley told the 1,000 delegates that people cared when 40 black miners were killed in a pit accident in South Africa, they cared when 188 people were killed in a ferry accident at Zeebrugge, they cared when a dozen people were killed in a motorway accident and they cared when a crazed gunman killed 16 people in Hungerford.

"But do we care enough ?", Mr Buckley asked.

Mr Buckley said conference sent its condolences to the people of Hungerford, but conference hoped to do more than that.

Holding up the two magazines, Mr Buckley said the advertisements in the two magazines would "frighten delegates to death".

He said there were advertisements for knives, bayonets, pistols, rifles, crossbows, bows and arrows, repeaters, machine guns and Chinese Kalashnikov weapons. A "Bonnie and Clyde armoury" was offered for sale. So was "a genuine Chicago piano automatic Thompson machine gun".

Mr Buckley said one advertisement for a pump-action shotgun stated that it was easy to work — "even for a young child".

Mr Roy Grantham, speaking for the general council, said more controls on the sale of guns were needed, and he told delegates that the TUC would be making representations to the Goverment about "this vital issue".

But he expressed reservations about part of the motion asking that the Government should consider making it illegal to have firearms of any sort in the home.

He said that farmers, for instance, needed to keep shotguns at home.

Call for a more diverse Press

A motion to limit ownership of national and local newspapers and to dilute the existing concentration of ownership through disinvestment was carried unanimously.

The motion stated that the existing power of Press proprietors "has perverted Press freedom and is primarily motivated by the pursuit of private wealth and political influence".

It called for an urgent general council review to identify the action necessary to set up a free and diverse Press.

Mr Bob Tomlins, National Graphical Association, moving the motion, said that in the last two years 15,000 newspaper workers had been sacked or made redundant. Employers had used new technology and sometimes the help of "so-called trade unions" to decimate workers.

Where was the silver lining? Five titles had been launched but one had failed, three were struggling, one was making money.

● The congress called on the Government to ensure that BBC radio was adequately funded to ensure its independence, after Mr Walter Jeffrey, general secretary, The Writers' Guild of Great Britain, had said that it was suffering because of the Government's refusal to agree an increase in the television licence fee.

● Mr Alan Sapper, General Secretary of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, successfully proposed a motion viewing with grave concern the massive and concerted attack, by the Government on public service broadcasting in pursuit of its extremist free-market ideology.

Rights appeal for disabled

The congress carried unanimously a resolution calling on the general council to draw up and campaign for a Bill of Rights for the disabled. The Bill, the resolution said, should include enforcement procedures to secure positive discrimination in employment.

Moving it, Mr David Norman, National Communications Union, said that existing legislation was inadequate to meet the needs of the disabled.

Call for end to Gulf war

The congress unanimously carried a motion pressing for urgent international action to end the Iran-Iraq conflict and condemning acts of terrorism against seafarers.

Delegates also supported the government of Nicaragua

Waste dumps condemned

A motion condemning the dumping of toxic waste in Britain and in the North Sea was carried unanimously. It called on the Government to stop the importation of toxic waste for disposal in Britain.

It also demanded immediate investment by British industry in the available plant and technology to recycle waste products

JUSTICE

Report on secrecy called for

A motion that Congress, believing the principle of open justice was being eroded, should be presented with a detailed report on the situation next year, was passed unanimously.

The motion, proposed by Mr **Jacob Ecclestone**, National Union of Journalists, also expressed alarm that one of the safeguards of a civilised society was being undermined for no better reason than judicial convenience.

He said that the Contempt of Court Act 1981 was a dangerous piece of legislation seized on by lawyers and judges to avoid public scrutiny.

It had given courts far greater powers to restrict freedom of speech and allowed Section 4 secrecy orders to be issued like confetti. Attempts to lift these restrictions had been frustrated at every turn.

THE ARTS

Censorship is deplored

There should be a limit to sexist and racist material even if it was within the law, the general council told the congress.

Mr John Morton expressed the reservations of the council to a motion that made an outright condemnation of censorship.

He also supported control of what material was available to children. After those reservations had been noted, the congress agreed the motion deploring "censorship in any form in the arts" by a substantial majority.

A composite motion rejecting the Government's policy for making public funding of the arts "an appendage of business sponsorship" was passed unanimously.

Moving that motion as secretary of the Musicians' Union, Mr Morton said that there was nothing elitist about good music and drama. Elitism in the arts was a consequence of economic and social disadvantage.

Mr Alan Sapper, general secretary, Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, said that business sponsorship was acceptable to a degree, provided that cigarette advertising was not pushed down their throats.

Business sponsorship could be good for a time, until the client became dissatisfied or there was an economic recession, when it would be withdrawn.

It was not good enough for the Government to suggest that the country's cultural life could exist on business handouts.

The congress also carried unanimously a motion reaffirming opposition to entry charges at national museums and galleries. It said that this restricted access to the nation's cultural heritage to the privileged who could afford it.

Mr John Sheldon, secretary, Civil Service Union, moving the motion, said that attendances had halved since museum charges were introduced. Charges weighed heavily against the young and the underprivileged.

The motion on censorship was moved by **Mr Walter Jeffrey**, general secretary of the Writers' Guild of Great Britain, who said that there was a growing threat of censorship of writers' work, although it did not manifest itself in apparatchiks in dark suits. Censorship in Britain, he said, travelled incognito.

When politicians and Fleet Street started to complain about *The Singing Detective* or *The Monocled Muntineer*, producers began to get nervous and the writers found it more difficult to find an outlet for their work. That was censorship.

Replying for the general council, Mr Morton said that the council supported the general sentiments of the motion, but it did have reservations.

Naturally the council deplored censorship on political grounds of what the Government regarded as a subversive ideas. On the other hand there had to be responsibility and accountability in broadcasting and elsewhere.

SPYCATCHER

Ban on book under fire

A copy of the banned Peter Wright book, *Spycatcher*, was handed from the rostrum to Mr Fred Jarvis, the TUC president, during discussion on an emergency motion expressing anger that freedom of speech, freedom of information and freedom to publish had been severely restricted by the House of Lords ruling in relation to the book.

Accepting the gift, Mr Jarvis said that he would read it and he wished that everyone else could have the same opportunity.

Before the debate opened, Mr **Jarvis** said that he hoped delegates would resist the temptation to quote from the book as that would lead the broadcasters to take them off the air.

He pointed out to the amused delegates that he might end up in jail, which would make a ludicrous situation even more absurd.

Mr Harry Conroy, general secretary, National Union of Journalists, proposing the motion, said that he would resist the temptation to quote from the book but offered it to any delegate for £20.

Holding a copy of the book aloft, he told the congress: "I call upon the Government to stop worrying about confidentiality which is no longer confidential — despite the fact I cannot read it to you — and inquire into the allegation that MI5 were trying to get rid of a government they did not agree with."

Prolonged cheers greeted the unanimous passing of the resolution, which said that censorship had brought the law and the administration of justice into public ridicule and contempt, and deplored the harassment and intimidation of journalists which had prevented the public from knowing of an alleged conspiracy to subvert democracy.

Mr Conroy said that the courts had prevented the media in this country from informing the public about the contents of the book and the Government had toured the world's courts trying to prevent its publication, all in the name of confidentiality and breach of security.

The courts had silenced the media, just as he had been silenced at the rostrum, but what the Government ought to be doing was mounting an inquiry into the allegations in the book.

"If what is said here is true, and these are allegations we should be investigating, they make Watergate, Irangate and all others fade into insignificance", he said.

What the courts were saying was that it was all right for people who could afford £20 to read it in their homes but not "for the mass of the people to read about it, because they might do something about it".

Mr John Ward, general secretary, Association of First Division Civil Servants, said that the way to stop leaks of information from people in public service was not by legislation but by giving them an opportunity to air their grievances on matters of conscience before an independent appeal body which took account of the sensitive nature of their work.

Congress reports by Robert Morgan, Anthony Hodges and Derek Barnett

Eurotunnel forces rethink at Dover

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Dover, the world's largest ferry port, is examining ways of diversifying its activities to offset the loss of traffic which is expected when the Channel tunnel opens.

One plan being considered is the extension of the port's range of shipping activities to include longer-range routes to supplement short-sea crossings over the Channel.

It is also considering developing parts of the port area as a leisure centre or building hotels, since it could cease to develop as a base for road haulage operations into Europe.

The port handles about 15 million passengers a year, two million tourist cars, 850,000 lorries and other vehicles.

The Dover Harbour Board thinks that by the mid-1990s, this traffic will have doubled, but that the Channel tunnel could then take away about half the enlarged total. That would leave Dover handling possibly about the same volume as today, but with greatly increased efficiency, it could mean the loss of about half the jobs in the port.

Mr Jonathon Sloggett, managing director of the board, said the aim was to develop other projects to offset the potential loss of jobs. He said the consideration of possible diversification was still at an early stage, and it was possible that the board would have to seek legislation in Parliament to enable it to undertake new activities.

Yesterday, a passenger ferry berth which handles ships of 26,000 tonnes, a freight berth, and a computerized system which is said to have reduced delays to freight vehicles entering Britain by an average of four hours, all of which have come into use this summer, were formerly opened by Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, European Commissioner for Transport, at Dover.

They are part of a £75 million investment programme taking place between 1983 and 1990.

Among the projects which will be carried out in the next year or two are the £5 million reclamation of land for the provision of two new berths, including one for railway freight costing £9 million, and new elevated roads which will separate incoming from outgoing road traffic.

Mr Sloggett said the prospect of the Channel tunnel being in operation in the mid-1990s had caused the harbour board to bring forward some of its investments by up to five years, so as to allow as much time as possible to recoup the cost before having to meet competition from the tunnel.

He complained about the condition of roads serving Dover. He said the port handled 50 per cent of Britain's trade with Europe and 20 per cent of the country's worldwide trade, but still had to make do with poor roads.

Improvements to the M20/A20 were being made, but they would not be complete for at least six years, and still there would not be a motorway connection to Dover.

Roman Catholic priests support project for British church unity

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The National Conference of Priests in Birmingham gave its unanimous support yesterday to the Roman Catholic Church's participation in a British church unity project.

The priests pledged to work with clergy of other denominations, and "to walk the road together" towards unity.

Their decision came one week after an inter-church conference at Swanwick, Derbyshire, had issued a call on behalf of 350 British church leaders for a commitment to unity. It was the first time the Roman Catholic Church in Britain had fully participated in such a step, and it was the culmination of three years of difficult negotiations.

Delegates heard a full report on the Swanwick meeting from Archbishop Derek Worlock of Liverpool and from the former Anglican Primate of Scotland, the Most Rev Alistair Haggart, who was representing the British Council of Churches.

Father Paul Crowe, the conference chairman, said the priests' response to the Swanwick proposals was carefully considered, and wholehearted.

The conference was warned yesterday by Cardinal Basil Hume of Westminster not to treat as too important the forthcoming International Synod of Bishops in Rome this autumn, which is to discuss the role of the laity in the Roman Catholic Church. It would not be possible, for instance, for the synod to say something equally meaningful to Catholics in the East End of London and to Catholics in Africa.

One of the changes he hoped for from the synod would be greater emphasis on Christian baptism as the basis of the church, to balance the "tremendous" emphasis that had in recent years been given to the eucharist, or mass.

In the discussion, several priests called for a reshaping of attitudes inside the church towards the Catholic laity, and an end to the assumption that the church was a pyramid structure with the Pope and bishops at the top and lay people at the bottom. The laity should be included in decision-making

One priest referred to the "parallel church", consisting of lay people who had long since made up their minds on issues like birth control and divorce, and who rejected the church's official teaching. They should not be excluded or condemned, he said.

Several delegates expressed concern at a new movement in the Roman Catholic community, imported from Spain and Italy, called the Neo-Catechumenate. It was an attempt to deepen the commitment of lay Catholics, but seemed to be exclusive, elitist and divisive, they said. Archibishop Warlock said he was concerned about it, as was Cardinal Hume.

The conference agreed to try to help certain convents of nuns who ran small plants for the manufacture of hosts used in holy communion.

The increase in the market for hosts, caused by an increase in the last 20 years in the numbers receiving communion at mass, had brought some commercial firms into this area, with more efficient production methods and more professional salesmanship.

One such company even advertised its hosts as having the advantage that they did not crumble into small fragments.

The priests agreed to spread the word that this commercial trade was damaging the livelihood of nuns who made hosts by traditional methods.

In Scotland, bishops had written to priests, asking them to buy their hosts from convents, the conference was told.

Great escape for Rocky the dolphin

By Ian Smith

Performing somersaults and balancing on his tail is second nature to Rocky the dolphin, so an abduction attempt early yesterday was treated with disdain by the star of Marineland at Morecambe, Lancashire.

The 600lb Atlantic bullnose dolphin, with a quick flip of his tail, casually swam free of a net thrown into his centrally-heated pool by four men.

The escapade ended at 1.30am when a waitress setting tables in an hotel restaurant overlooking the Dolphinarium saw the shadowy figures at the poolside and summoned help.

His trainer, Mr John Braithwaite, said: "They must have been mad to think they could have lifted Rocky out of the pool. It takes 15 strong men to move him and when he arrived in Marineland we had to use a crane to hoist him over the wall."

Rocky eats 25lbs of herring every day and is insured for £25,000. But to Mr Braithwaite, who has trained him for 10 years, he is part of the family.

Were Rocky to 'disappear,' the aquarium would be forced to close. "Rocky is Marineland. Without him this place is nothing", Mr Braithwaite said.

Four men arrested by the police were granted bail yesterday to appear before Lancaster magistrates on October 16. One man, aged 53, is from Oxfordshire and the other three, aged 19, 27 and 35, are from Northamptonshire.

Chemist is jailed for swapping pills

A chemist was jailed for two years yesterday for swapping headache pills for expensive drugs.

Ompakish Sood, aged 41, emptied the tablets out, filled the bottles with aspirin and then returned them to a wholesaler pretending they were not required.

The containers, some for patients with cancer and heart disease, were then redistributed by the unsuspecting firm to other pharmacists who passed them on to sufferers as though they were their prescribed drugs.

Judge Stable said: "I can think of no more wicked thing for a qualified pharmacist to do. We know of at least one cancer patient who very nearly went on holiday with aspirin instead of the expensive tablets he needed."

Mr Vivian Robinson, for the prosecution, said: "He obtained and kept the original drugs without paying for them.

Snaresbrook Crown Court, east London, was told that in July last year Mr Christopher Lynch, a cancer patient, went into a pharmacist's at Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, with a prescription for 180 androcur tablets.

But after taking them for two weeks he realized some of the pills looked different from others; on analysis they were found to be aspirin.

The wholesale chemists traced the batch back to Sood's shop in High Road, Wormley, Hertfordshire, where he lived. Police found he had changed expensive drugs for aspirin or vitamin tablets at least five times.

Sood was found guilty of three charges of deception involving 1,100 tablets and one of intending to pervert the course of justice. He was ordered to pay £5,000 costs.

Det Sergeant Kenneth Davies, who was commended by the judge for trapping Sood, said afterwards: "We will never know how much money he made."

Dartmoor prisoners to take roles in new film

Murderers, rapists and robbers in Dartmoor prison are to be given roles in a film.

The prisoners have had secret acting lessons from top professionals for three years and filming is expected to start before Christmas.

Mr Dennis Sutton, deputy governor, said: "The cast will be chosen from right across the board. It's a good way to get the prisoners out of their cells doing something."

The Home Office gave permission for cameras to go behind bars after months of negotiations.

The film, *Tumultuous City*, is being made by Three City Productions, a company based in London, and it will be shown in British cinemas.

It is believed professional actors will take the star roles. Paul Schoolman, the director, is to visit the prison next week to finalize arrangements.

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Government moves closer to breaking Ilea bonds

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

The Government yesterday called on the 12 inner London boroughs and the City of London to demonstrate that they can individually or jointly run a cheaper and more efficient education service than the high-spending, Labour-controlled Inner London Education Authority.

The Department of Education and Science published a consultation paper outlining proposals to allow any of the 13 to opt out of Ilea from April 1, 1990, a date chosen to coincide with the national introduction of the proposed new community charge and unified business rate.

However, it was also made clear that the opportunity for boroughs to opt out will remain open for as long as the Government stays in power.

Mr Neil Fletcher, the leader of Ilea, condemned the proposals as profoundly undemocratic and likely to lead to a fragmented, second-rate education for Londoners.

The proposals were welcomed by the three Conservative-controlled boroughs – Wandsworth, Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea – which have already announced their determination to opt out of Ilea.

The consultation paper claims that Ilea has shown "little sign that it is ready to tackle the root causes of its educational and financial problems". It also suggests that large local education authorities inevitably find it difficult to keep in touch with the "requirements and aspirations of different areas".

"The Government believes that the time has come to allow inner London boroughs the opportunity to demonstrate that they could provide an efficient education service", the paper says.

It emphasizes that the act of opting out will be financially neutral. "There will be no crock of gold waiting for those that decide to break away", an official said.

Similarly, those that remain in Ilea will not be adversely affected, "providing Ilea makes commensurate savings in its overhead costs".

In the longer term, however, boroughs that make savings will be able to pass them on directly to their community charge payers. Those that overspend – or on whose behalf Ilea overspends – will have to levy a heavier community charge.

A borough's decision to opt out will be made by a simple majority vote of the full council. The arrangments, if any, that it makes beforehand to consult parents, teachers, school governors and ratepayers are for each borough to decide for itself.

In its application to opt out, a borough will have to explain in detail how it intends to provide a complete range of educational services. The paper suggests that some boroughs may want to make a joint application proposing a joint education authority for their combined area.

Applications are to be submitted to Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, by February 28, 1989. Comments on the consultation paper are to reach his department by October 16.

Increased levels of stress have reduced morale in the teaching profession to its lowest ebb ever, a conference was told yesterday.

Dr Chris Kyriacou, from York University, a leading authority on stress in teaching, told lecturers, teachers and administrators at Birmingham that teaching was one of the most stressful of all professions.

The biggest emotional drain was caused by trying to motivate listless pupils, followed by poor working conditions, low salary and status in the community and conflicts with teaching colleagues.

Marie Thomson, Cheryl Clough and Christopher Brooke, children of the rebel parents, playing in their makeshift classroom in the public house.

Ex-head gives lessons to pupils in pub

A retired headmaster yesterday boosted the hopes of parents in the schools controversy in Dewsbury, west Yorkshire, when he arrived to give their children lessons in their makeshift classroom at a public house.

Mr Eric Haley, spokesman for the parents, described the development as "marvellous" and said it meant the campaign for their right to choose a school for their children could continue for a year if necessary.

Mr Fred Naylor, secretary of Parental Alliance for Choice in Education, said the parents were acting legally. They could not be prosecuted for keeping their children away from school as the former headmaster, from Harrogate, was teaching them.

"They have a qualified teacher giving lessons to the pupils. It is a marvellous gesture. It will allow them to continue for up to a year", he added.

Kirklees Education Authority has told the parents their children must go to Headfield Middle School, where most pupils are Asian, but the parents want them to go to Overthorpe Junior and Infant School.

The parents have been offered other schools for their children but have rejected them.

Since the start of the term the children have been staging a daily sit-in protest at Overthorpe but it was called off yesterday "to give the headmaster a rest".

Instead, a blackboard and easel was set up in the function room at the Thornhill Hotel for the children to do schoolwork. A local company donated books and pens.

The former headmaster turned up at the hotel, where the 25 children were being given lessons by mothers, clutching a bundle of books. Minutes later he was giving the pupils aged seven and eight reading and writing lessons.

One of the mothers, Mrs Pamela Briggs, said: "He has offered to come in again next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. If he does it is unlikely we will take the children into Overthorpe. It is unfair on them and unfair on the headmaster there."

She said the former headmaster arrived with 25 reading books and 25 exercise books. "He did not want any publicity about it, he just came to help. The children have spent the morning having reading and writing lessons and they are loving it."

Several mothers had tried to get some order when "school" began amid jostling journalists, radio reporters and television crews. But by midday, after the former head's arrival, the class was running smoothly.

The children's first lesson was from *Effective English – Book One* and later multiplication was on the timetable.

Downstairs, the public house was serving lunchtime pints to customers and draymen were filling up the cellars.

Their first lesson over, the pupils pulled out their lunch boxes and tucked into sandwiches, crisps and lemonade.

Rebecca Briggs, aged seven, said "it's been okay." She thought the new teacher was "nice".

The former head, who refused to give his name, said he had offered his help because the parents' wishes were not being acted upon.

"Because there are children in a special situation needing to be taught and their parents need advice and help, I came to offer both.".

"I firmly believe in the rights of children. In this case they are expressing their rights through their parents.

"Education is all about children. Any office, any position, any appointment in education is held simply because there are children to be served.

"It follows that people who hold a position in government or in the Civil Service or in any aspect of education hold that position by the will of the people. That being the case they should not ignore the wishes of the people.

"Here the wishes of the people though not being ignored are not being acted upon."

Deadline on 'parent power' is extended

Mr Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Education Minister, has been forced to extend the consultation period over the Government's radical plans to introduce parental power in Scotland's schools.

The extension, from October 1 until early in November, has been prompted by a strong public reaction both for and against the Government's proposals.

Parents' organizations in particular have voiced concern at the scant information on the "parents' charter"

The decision to set up School Boards, giving considerable new powers to parents, was announced in the middle of August, giving a consultation period of only six weeks.

Yesterday, Mr Forsyth said: "I am a reasonable person and I am happy to make concessions where they seem reasonable. The views I have had from media and parents are that a longer period of consultation is needed."

Mr Forsyth has also conceded to requests from Parent Teacher Associations to address them personally on the new measures and next week he will begin visiting selected schools.

Mr John Pollock, general secretary of the Educational Institute of Scotland, said: "When these proposals were announced we were refused advance information. It was sprung on us. This contentious issue was clearly not thought through properly."

Reservations have been expressed about several aspects of the proposals which include the right of parents to veto the appointment of a head teacher. The proposed managerial structure is thought by some to be too heavily weighted towards parents who may be unfamiliar with appointing or dismissing staff.

Mr Forsyth said that 850.000 leaflets, outlining the Government's proposals, had been printed for distribution among parents.

He added that requests for the full document were running at 1.000 per day. Mr Pollock, however, said the leafleting, announced by Mr Forsyth, had begun only a week ago, with barely three weeks to go before the original consultative deadline.

Zeebrugge ferry disaster

Bereaved relatives demand action on compensation and accountability

By David Sapsted

A father whose son died in the Zeebrugge ferry disaster has described a £10,000 compensation offer as puny and ridiculous.

Mr Alan Reynolds is helping to organize a meeting in Birmingham for at least a hundred survivors and families bereaved by the sinking.

They are to demand changes in the laws on compensation and action against the Department of Transport for failing to properly supervise safety requirements on the Herald of Free Enterprise.

Mr Reynolds, from Banbury, Oxfordshire, lost his son Jonathan, aged 20.

He said: "I do not expect this £10.000 figure to be increased because it is more than the law allows for at present.

"The fact is that in respect of an adult without dependants, there is no obligation to pay anything – my son, for instance, is entitled to nothing except burial expenses and compensation for the loss of luggage.

"Given the totally and utterly ridiculous laws as they stand at present, the clothes he was wearing, the luggage he was carrying were worth more than Jonathan's life."

Mr Reynolds said the meeting later this month would discuss the need for long-term changes in the law to help those who lost family members in future. The Department of Transport's role in the tragedy would also be discussed.

"The Sheen report criticized the Department of Transport as well as Townsend Thoresen. The department is responsible for seeing safety regulations are fulfilled.

"They failed to do so but, because it is a government department, everyone seems to be trying to shovel its failings under the carpet", he said.

Many families were angry over the way they had been treated and about the fact that, although Townsend Thoresen was criticized in the report for managerial sloppiness, no prosecutions had resulted and, in fact, had been specifically ruled out by the Department of Transport.

Yesterday, Mr Timothy Raison, Conservative MP for Aylesbury, admitted to being concerned that the question of legal accountability for the disaster had still to be resolved, in spite of the damning findings of the Sheen Report.

"I do not want to talk about prosecutions until I have read the full findings of the Sheen Report and until the Dover inquests have been completed. However, I feel it is very important that there should be proper accountability for this tragedy.

"I am uneasy this question has not been resolved", he said.

Mr Raison, a former minister, said he had written to transport ministers about the department's responsibilities. "I do not feel entirely happy that the Department of Transport really exercised the supervision it should have done. I intend to probe it further", he said.

Mr Raison, representing a woman constituent who survived the tragedy but lost two daughters, said he wanted to investigate the legal position regarding the possibility of charges after any finding of unlawful killing by the jury at the inquests.

He also pointed out that the Belgian judicial inquiry, which could result in criminal charges being made, had not yet reported.

● Townsend Thoresen lawyers said yesterday there were no grounds for insurers refusing to pay out on their £20 million-plus claim for the loss of the Herald of Free Enterprise.

The Daily Mail said the syndicate of insurers, led by the Prudential, was considering whether the acceptance of much of the responsibility for the disaster meant Townsend Thoresen lost its right to compensation.

P&O, the parent company, said: "The underwriters are examining the claim in the normal way. Legal advice has obviously been taken by Townsend Thoresen and this confirms that there are no grounds on which the claim could be repudiated."

Mother saw daughter slip to death

A mother yesterday recalled seeing her young daughter slip from her grasp as they were being hauled to safety from the Herald of Free Enterprise.

Mrs Jenny Pierce had clung desperately to four-year-old Emily in the depths of the ferry, but after a ladder was lowered she lost her grip and they plunged back into the water.

Rescuers eventually hauled mother and child to safety, but they were separated. When Mrs Pierce, aged 24, reached the shore, she was told her girl had died.

Witnesses wept as Mr Richard Sturt, the coroner conducting the inquests into the deaths of the 188 ferry victims, read out the mother's statement.

Mrs Pierce, a hairdresser, of West Lane, Sittingbourne, Kent, was too distressed to attend the inquest

She had also described seeing her boy friend Mr John Bray and his son Jody fall into the water when they could no longer hold onto furniture. They both drowned.

Mrs Pierce and her daughter were travelling on the Herald with Mr Bray, aged 32, of Orchard View, Teynham, Kent, and his sons, Jody, seven and Mark, aged 12, who lived with their grandmother at London Road, Teynham.

"We were in the bar area", Mrs Pierce said. "We had only been sitting down a couple of minutes: we wanted to settle the kids down a bit, when the boat began to tip over."

She went on: "People were screaming and panicking and being thrown out of their seats and sucked out of the windows.

"We were still hanging onto one another and the furniture. I had wrapped my body around the table and had hold of Emily.

"John was below me, holding onto Emily's waist. Jody was hanging onto his legs. Suddenly a girl appeared from nowhere and she grabbed John's legs. John said he could not hang on any longer. He managed to get Emily wedged between two chairs.

"John and Jody disappeared under the water and that was the last I saw of them."

Mrs Pierce managed to keep hold of Emily until someone lowered a ladder to rescue them. They were being hauled to safety. Then, she said: "I lost my grip and fell into the water. Emily started screaming."

Mrs Pierce was eventually hauled to safety and taken to a rescue boat. "A man came up to me and said, 'Your daughter has ginger hair, hasn't she?'

"I said 'Yes' and he said: 'We've got her out; she's in another boat'."

But the girl was certified dead when the boat reached the shore.

Mr Bray's other son, Mark, survived because he had left the group, to play on fruit machines. In another statement, he told his grandmother: "I heard John and Jenny calling to each other and then I went under the water".

He managed to get into a life-jacket and escaped.

Botulism victim paralysed

A father of three was critically ill in hospital yesterday after contracting the rare food poisoning disease botulism – the first case in Britain for nine years.

Health officials in Britain and on the Continent are investigating the source of the disease which attacks the central nervous system.

Mr Roy Hayim, aged 49, an estate agent, was taken ill after eating a pre-packed kosher meal of rice and vegetables on board a flight from Nice to Heathrow Airport at the end of August.

Tests showed he had contracted botulism which left him paralysed. However, they have not established whether it was the pre-packed kosher food, produced by a Swiss company, which was responsible for the illness.

Mr Hayim, of Basing Hill, Golders Green, north-west London, is on a life support machine in Edgware General Hospital. His condition was said to be stable last night.

He is the first person in Britain to have contracted botulism since 1978 when four elderly people were stricken in Birmingham after eating a tin of contaminated salmon. Two of them died.

Botulism is a member of the clostridia family of bacteria which are commonly found in soil but grow only in the absence of oxygen.

The toxins are killed by heating to 80 degrees centigrade for 30 minutes. The canning process of food involves heating at around 120 degrees centigrade.

The calulated lethal dose for an adult man is of the order of 10 millionths of a gramme.

It normally attacks the nervous system within 24 hours, paralysing the nerves of the eye and throat. Treatment involves massive doses of an antitoxin combined with life support measures to keep patients breathing.

New inquiry in Brighton

Detectives investigating the deaths of retired couple Frank and Kitty Waters are looking at another case.

Miss Getal Gimpelson, aged 82, who lived in the Saltdean area of Brighton near Mr and Mrs Waters, was thought to have died of a heart attack but now an inquest is to be held. Two men have been charged with murdering the Waters.

Air traffic engineers in pay warning

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Air traffic engineers will demand a big increase for new entrants to their profession at a meeting to be held with the Civil Aviation Authority on Monday.

They have warned that unless they get an increased pay offer they will take a ballot among all 1.030 members of their union to seek all-out strike action.

The CAA is believed to be ready to offer improvements on the engineers' terms and conditions, but it is unlikely to be willing to provide much extra cash.

Any refusal to increase the offer could cause anger among the engineers, who look after radar, radio and other electronic equipment used by air traffic controllers and coastguards.

A strike would lead to chaos for millions of passengers as problems gradually built up.

The engineers will concentrate on trying to force a big improvement on the basic pay of new entrants.

They claim that many are leaving after basic training to join private companies because they receive just £7,992 a year on entry, even though most are required to hold a degree and to have five years' post-graduate experience.

The week-long ban on overtime and "withdrawal of goodwill", imposed by the engineers, has had little affect so far.

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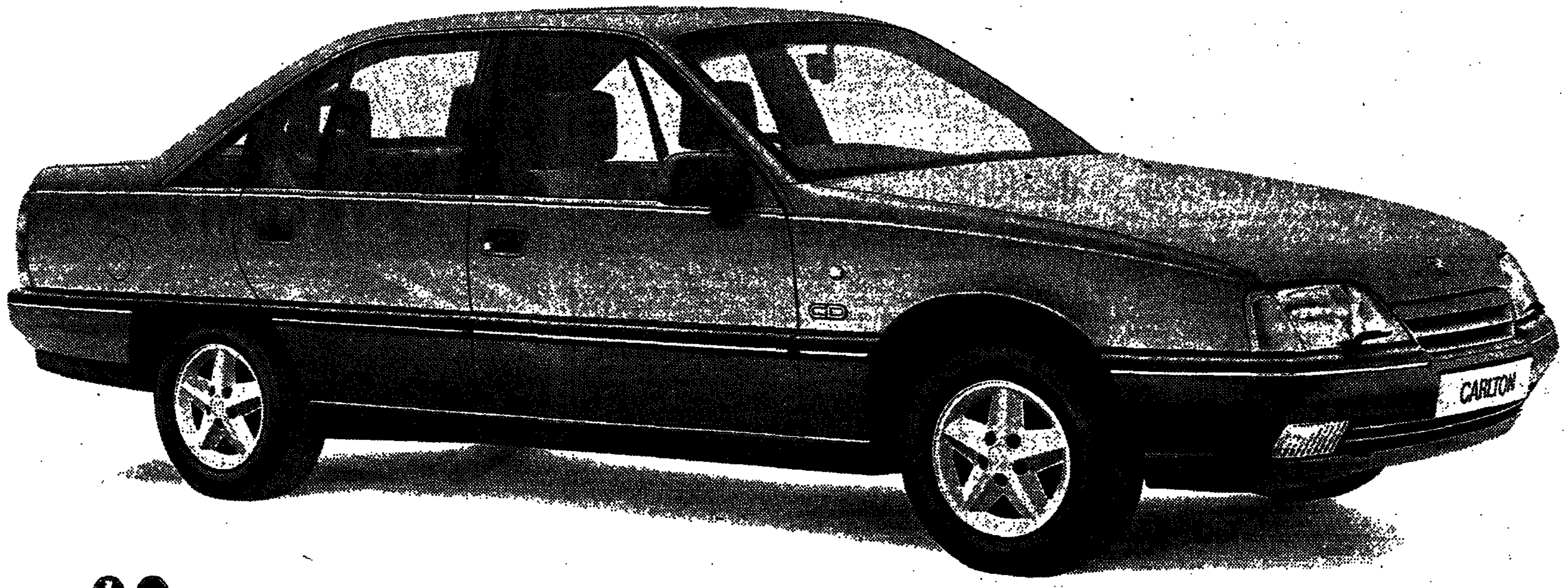

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WORLD SUMMARY

Swiss to send back Tamils

Berne (Reuter) — Switzerland is preparing to send home several thousand Sri Lankan Tamils, who were denied asylum here, because tension on the island has eased, Dr Elisabeth Kopp, the Justice Minister, said yesterday.

Around 4,500 Tamils have applied for asylum in Switzerland in the past few years. Most of those whose applications have already been processed were rejected on the ground that they were not genuine refugees who faced persecution in their homeland. Dr Kopp said the first groups of Tamils would probably start returning home this autumn.

She said applications in general for asylum in Switzerland were again rising sharply after falling in 1986, with 6,118 people seeking refuge here by the end of August, nearly 50 per cent more than in the first eight months of 1986. About half of all new applicants were Turks. The total figure could reach a record 10,000 by the end of the year. In a national referendum last April, Swiss voters approved a controversial government plan to tighten the country's asylum laws.

Liberals go it alone

Ottawa — For the first time in 50 years, the Canadian province of Ontario is to be run by a majority Liberal Government (A Correspondent writes).

Riding a wave of popularity that started when he took over the leadership of the minority Government in 1985, Mr Bill Peterson, the Premier, on Thursday led the Liberals to an unprecedented 94-seat victory in the 130-seat legislature.

Both the Progressive Conservatives and the New Democratic Party lost ground compared with the last election. But the Conservatives were the biggest losers, tumbling from 52 seats to 16 and Mr Larry Grossman, the party leader, losing the Toronto seat his family has held for 32 years.

'No sex' pledge

Moscow — Under tough new laws designed to prevent the spread of Aids, a Leningrad woman diagnosed as a carrier has signed an official pledge that she will have no sexual contact for the next five years (Christopher Walker writes).

News of the unprecedented pledge was given yesterday by Tass, which said that the 28-year-old woman, whom it identified only as Lyndmilla N, made the no-sex vow in accordance with laws passed here late last month.

The woman left hospital last Friday after signing the pledge, Tass reported. She faces up to eight years in jail if she fails to keep her word. No indication was given as to how the ban will be enforced.

Botha man's 'escape'

Johannesburg — South Africa's Minister of Constitutional Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, has emerged unscathed from being cared for by Coloured (mixed race) nurses, he revealed in Parliament yesterday (Ray Kennedy writes).

Last week, he said: "I was cared for by brown nurses. I was not contaminated and the treatment I received compared with the best." Mr Heunis was rejecting criticism by the ultra right-wing Conservative Party that white patients should not be treated by other races.

Jorgensen quits post

Copenhagen — Mr Anker Jorgensen, aged 65, the veteran Danish opposition leader and a former prime minister, announced his resignation late on Thursday as leader of the Social Democratic Party, Denmark's biggest political grouping for the past 50 years, after its losses in this week's general election.

He had been under pressure to step down after 15 years as chairman of the centre-left party, which lost two seats to hold 54 in the new Parliament. Mr Jorgensen was last prime minister from 1975 to 1982.

Verdicts on Marine

Quantico (AP) — Robert Stufflebeam, a sergeant in the Marines and a former guard at the United States Embassy in Moscow, has been acquitted by a military jury on charges that he had sex with Soviet women and lied about it. But he was convicted on two counts of dereliction of duty arising from drinking in an out-of-bounds Moscow bar.

After the verdicts were read, the judge, Lieutenant-Colonel Eligah Clark, adjourned the proceedings before hearing evidence to be considered in sentencing Stufflebeam.

Burundi open again

Bujumbura (Reuter) — The Military Committee for National Salvation which seized power in the Central African state of Burundi on September 3 yesterday reopened the frontiers and international airport and ordered external telephone and telex links restored.

The formal ending of eight days of isolation from the rest of the world came in an official statement, which also announced an easing of a 7 pm to 5.30 am curfew, in force since the bloodless coup which deposed President Jean-Baptiste Bagaza. It will now apply from 10 pm to 5 am.

Men in the wings dominate White House show

Washington View

By Michael Binyon

The Labour Day holiday is traditionally the time when, once every four years, the presidential campaign moves into top gear. By now, five months from the crucial Iowa caucuses and New Hampshire primary, the race begins to take shape: all those running seriously have entered, and the stronger contenders are emerging from the pack.

Nothing like that has happened this year. The campaign has already been going at full throttle for months, but has got nowhere. Neither Democrats nor Republicans have produced a clear favourite. Money has become so much the deciding factor that fund-raising has virtually replaced campaigning.

More debates than ever before have been scheduled, but the public still has only a hazy idea of most candidates and their policies. And the race seems to be dominated by men who are off the field: Gary Hart, Sam Nunn, Mario Cuomo among the Democrats, and President Reagan himself.

The Democrats are in disarray. The decision this week by Gary Hart, the former front-runner whose campaign exploded in scandal and acrimony, not to re-enter the race, was greeted with widespread relief. But the simultaneous decision by Sam Nunn, the cautious and respected senator from Georgia, not to plunge in is a blow, not least to the right-wing.

The conservative Democrats, grouped round the Democratic Leadership Council, of which Nunn is a prominent member, draw much of their strength from the South, where they are making an all-out effort to halt Republican inroads.

It was largely this council that persuaded Southern Democrats to increase their influence by grouping all their primaries together soon after New Hampshire. As a result, "Super Tuesday," as this primary is now called, is set for March 8 and will include 14 Southern and border states.

With Nunn's decision not to run, the strategy has gone awry, however. It depended on having a strong regional candidate who could count on enough support to reduce the influence of Iowa and New Hampshire, where liberals hold sway.

But of the seven candidates — or eight if Patricia Schroeder raises enough money to plunge in — only one, apart from the Harvard-educated Albert Gore of Tennessee (not really part of Dixie), is a true Southerner. He is Jesse Jackson, the radical black from South Carolina, who is poised to take best advantage of "Super Tuesday" and the candidate the conservatives most want to keep out.

Few believe, however, that he will capture the nomination: Dixie provides only a third of the delegates to the convention, and most of America is not ready for a black President. Similarly, Shroeder, though doing well in the polls, is more of a symbol as the first serious woman candidate than a likely victor. That leaves six other competent candidates, all running neck-and-neck. There must be a winnowing out soon: there is not the money.

But they all have to spend heavily to cover Iowa, New Hampshire and the South. Some may be tempted to cut down on campaigning and concentrate instead on the television debates to build up name recognition. But none has the charisma or dominance of the airwaves to depend on that alone.

As a result, the campaign is wide open, and seems curiously unfocused. The Democrats are in search of a good polarizing domestic theme, but are wary of falling back on old-fashioned liberalism: President Reagan, despite the unpopularity of many Reaganite policies, has probably altered irreversibly the framework of the domestic debate, especially as the US economy is still doing fairly well. Foreign policy, for once, may be the deciding issue —

The Republicans, too, have their difficulties: how far to distance themselves from Reagan, and how much to court the conservative activists, who are important in mobilizing the votes for the nominating convention, but who may push a candidate too far to the right to enable him to appeal to the vital centre ground in the final election.

But the Republicans already have two clear front-runners — George Bush and Bob Dole. Their campaign is already taking shape. The Democrats, hungry for power, are desperate to coalesce around the first credible candidate. But with no one in sight, they are wasting valuable time pining over those who are not in the race.

Pope soothes Jews with 'homeland' endorsement

From Charles Bremner, Miami

The Pope soothed the indignation of American Jewish leaders yesterday by pledging Catholic efforts to fight anti-Semitism and endorsing the right of Jews to their Israeli homeland.

The Pontiff delivered his remarks at an extraordinary public meeting in Miami with 200 Jewish leaders on the second day of his American tour.

He was leaving later, after a huge open-air Mass here, for a second bout of fence-mending in South Carolina, where he was due to meet conservative Protestant churchmen from America's least Catholic state.

More than 200,000 Catholics turned out for the Mass in Miami's Tamiami Park. Thousands of Latin Americans and Haitian immigrants were among the crowd which started filling the park soon after midnight.

The Mass was cut short by a torrential tropical downpour. Several lightning bolts struck the ground near the altar, one of them startling the Pope. The Pontiff was loudly applauded when he addressed the crowd in Spanish and Creole.

The Jewish leaders had threatened to boycott the Miami meeting after the Pope met President Waldheim of Austria last June. Yesterday's session was made possible after a hastily organized meeting 10 days ago between the Pope and American Jews in Italy. The Pope listened to a candid account of Jewish concern over the role of Catholics in the history of anti-Semitism from Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, leader of the Synagogue Council.

"The teaching of contempt for the Jews and Judaism must be ended", he said.

But he thanked the Pope for his conciliatory approach. "Our differences were not totally resolved but we had an opportunity to express the pain and anger of the Jewish community," he added.

Addressing his audience as "my dear Jewish brothers and sisters" the Pope paid tribute to the suffering of the Jews as victims of the Holocaust and drew long applause when he repeated the Jewish saying "Never again, never again must such a horror be possible."

He went on: "Your people have become a loud warning voice for all humanity."

The Pope said it was vital for Catholics to study and understand the meaning of the Holocaust. He wanted every Catholic diocese to teach conciliation with Jews and Judaism.

He also tackled Jewish concern over the Vatican's refusal to grant official recognition to the state of Israel. "They have a right to a homeland as does every civilized nation, according to international law", he said.

But these rights, he said, also applied to the Palestinian people.

The Vatican has withheld recognition on the grounds that its borders are not defined by law and that the Palestinian question is unresolved.

The Pope also defended the much criticized role of the Church during the Nazi period, saying that Pope Pius had taken a far stronger stand against Hitler than people realized and history would confirm this.

Jewish spokesmen said later they welcomed the Pope's conciliatory tone "I think this experience will deepen and energize Catholic-Jewish relations," Rabbi Arthur Teitlebaum said.

The Pope listening with rapt attention to Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, leader of the Synagogue Council, at an extraordinary meeting with some 200 American Jewish leaders in Miami yesterday, the second day of the Pope's tour of the United States.

Warheads call was just Soviet propaganda, says Shultz

From Michael Binyon Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, yesterday dismissed the recent call by Mr Viktor Karpov, a top Soviet arms negotiator, for the destruction of intermediate range warheads as "dust in the air", and part of the Soviet propaganda effort.

"Everyone recognizes that it is not possible to verify warheads, so they have never been part of the negotiations," he told *The Times* and other European newspapers. "It is perfectly sensible to focus on missiles." He said Mr Karpov knew he was not saying anything serious, but only throwing up dust in the air. He expressed puzzlement at Moscow creating an obstacle at this stage in the negotiations, and said the issue "just has to go away". The draft treaty text deals with missiles and launchers and not their warheads.

He also made it absolutely clear that if the Russians insisted on including the 72 West German Pershing 1A missiles and their US-controlled warheads in the text of an Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces agreement, there would be no agreement.

It was a matter of important principle, he said, to hold to the position that other countries' weapons systems were not included in bilateral US-Soviet talks.

Mr Shultz also seemed to rule out any kind of addendum to an INF agreement in which the US would pledge its readiness to destroy the warheads of the missiles which Chancellor Helmut Kohl has said he will scrap. The US has publicly announced that it will withdraw the warheads from West Germany. And Mr Shultz suggested that the word of a Western democracy was its bond.

Mr Shultz appeared quietly optimistic that the two sides would work out these final details, but gave the warning that "you don't have an agreement until you have an agreement". Mr Max Kampelman, the chief US arms negotiator, also said yesterday that the Russians had suddenly and inexplicably halted in the negotiating process. For the past few weeks there had been nothing moving in Geneva, he said.

Mr Shultz will meet Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Soviet counterpart, here on Tuesday for three days of talks. Mr Shultz said yesterday that arms control would be the chief topic.

In keeping with State Department attempts not to raise expectations of the meeting, however, Mr Shultz said their talks would not be about a Reagan-Gorbachov summit.

In a rare public reflection on the many long meetings he has had with top Soviet leaders, Mr Shultz said the atmosphere now was completely different from that of only three years ago.

Despite this, however, Mr Shultz said the Soviet threat to Europe was still very strong, and the quality of their armed forces high.

Iraq can mark up one political victory

News Analysis

The departure last night for Tehran of Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, marked the final success in Iraq's campaign to "internationalize" the Gulf war, to involve the superpowers and the United Nations in a conflict which Iraq itself started — and which it was clearly losing until the West sent in its navies.

On the eve of Señor Pérez de Cuéllar's arrival, tens of thousands of demonstrators were brought on to the streets of Tehran to condemn America, and especially the Saudis, for the massacre of Iranian pilgrims in Mecca on July 31. In west Beirut, too, thousands of Hezbollah (Party of God) militiamen — without weapons since they were in Syria's area of control — gathered to protest at Saudi Arabia's alleged role in the killings and to promise revenge against America.

But the Iran to which Señor Pérez de Cuéllar was travelling last night is an isolated and divided country, whose last Arab ally now confronts its supporters in Lebanon and whose internal unity is itself falling apart. Señor Pérez de Cuéllar is already trying to rearrange his programme to avoid meetings at which leading ministers are likely to contradict each other. He will concentrate on the two common denominators of Iranian emotions about the war: the demand for compensation and an impartial international body to apportion blame. The most obvious vehicle for such an inquiry is the International Court of Justice in The Hague, which is still deliberating over Iranian funds frozen in the United States after the Iranian revolution.

The Iraqis, in theory at least, are also prepared to accept the verdict of an impartial tribunal into the causes of the war. Compensation, which is likely to run into at least £1,000 million, may ultimately have to be underwritten by the UN itself.

On the other hand, Iraq — which has formally expressed its interest in Señor Pérez de Cuéllar's mission — has shown little enthusiasm for any serious "moderation" in its war effort. Iraqi planes have continued their assaults on Iranian industrial towns and oil tankers, prompting the Iranians — perhaps against their better judgement — to renew their attacks on unarmed, neutral shipping in the Gulf. Privately, the Iranians have told the UN that they wish to suspend such attacks during Señor Pérez de Cuéllar's visit to Tehran.

There can be no doubt, however, that the political victors — so far, at least — are the Iraqis. Their principal condition for ending the Gulf war — the withdrawal of both sides to the international Iraq-Iran frontier — is the basis of the UN Security Council's ceasefire resolution, which the Russians as well as the Americans now support. The Libyans, those most quixotic of Arab allies, have now deserted the Iranians. The Syrians may come next. The navies of the two superpowers as well as those of Britain, France, Holland and Italy, have now become involved

Even as Señor Pérez de Cuéllar arrives in Tehran, two British-flagged oil tankers — the Tonbridge and the Incisive — will be loading in Kuwait for the journey down the Gulf to the Strait of Hormuz.

Robert Fisk

Zimbabwe prize-fighters don kid gloves

From Jan Raath, Harare

This week held an effective end to constitutionally entrenched white representation in Zimbabwe's Parliament with an extraordinary display of sarcasm-tinged affection between the leading protagonists in the struggle for political dominion over this country.

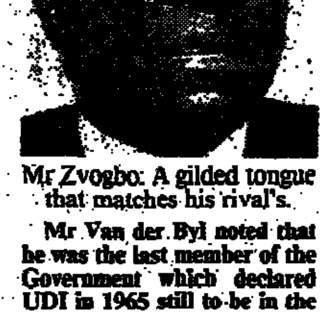
They were Mr P. K. van der Byl, the languid, aristocratic former Rhodesian Front cabinet minister whose elegantly couched derision for black nationalism made him the arch-villian of Rhodesia, and Dr Eddison Zvobgo, Minister of Justice and chief spokesman for the ruling Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic Front) party during the war, whose gilded tongue easily matches Mr Van der Byl's.

The scene was the last few sittings in the Senate, Zimbabwe's upper house, where senators had worked through the stages of the Constitutional Amendment (No. 6) Bill, which abolishes the specially protected white seats and equalizes all Zimbabwean voters on a single roll. Buried was the emotional intensity with which Mr Van der Byl's and Dr Zvobgo's delegations glowered at each other over the conference table at Lancaster House, London, late in 1979.

Different emotions have been generated in the Senate over the past two weeks — sufficient to move Dr Zvobgo, as he presided over debate on the Bill, to jot down and later read aloud a poem dedicated to "my friend Van der Byl".

"Fare thee well Smith, Van der Byl and company,
The sun has set and dawn must follow,
The carcases by your hand stink no more,
The bones are clean."

The verse responded to Mr Van der Byl's lament at his forced departure from the parliamentary buildings.



Mr Zvogbo: A gilded tongue that matches his rival's.

Mr Van der Byl noted that he was the last member of the Government which declared UDI in 1965 still to be in the house, and believed that "I would have been cherished . . . as a sort of national monument, and not flung into the political wilderness". The Bill discriminated against him by "an accident of my birth, the colour of my skin".

On Thursday night he delivered his valedictory address drawing Roman gladiatorial comparisons from the conflict of the 1960s and 1970s.

(Mr Van der Byl's swansong has been upstaged by the subsequent recalling of the Senate on Tuesday next week. The House of Assembly adjourned two weeks ago until November and the Senate was also to have adjourned until then, by which time the Bill will have been signed at a public ceremony.)

He went on to "express my appreciation and thanks for the courtesy, kindness and distinction with which I have been treated since independence," and praised Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, for the "absolute courtesy" he had shown him. His paean was laced with Latin (the cognoscenti say it was Virgil), as well as fluent Shona and Ndebele.

For the white MPs who deserted his party, the Conservative Alliance of Zimbabwe, to become Independents or Zanu (PF) members, Mr Van der Byl reserved a large slice from Dante's *Inferno*.

He warned them that they would become "dreadful souls screaming in agony" for what he saw as their opportunism. Veteran observers note that, while the leaders of Zanu (PF) may find it convenient to deal with the Conservative Alliance "renegades", more of a lasting attachment actually exists between the formerly racially opposed enemies.

Outside, a brief shower of early rain had fallen, traditionally known as *gukurahundi*, the washing away of the dust accumulated in the dry winter.

Dr Zvobgo's poem concluded: "Blow, blow, kindly wind
For filth of race races no more
Fare thee well."

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Military rule ends in Ethiopia

'Civilian' Mengistu makes only token gestures to rights

By Paul Vallely

In theory, 13 years of military rule in Ethiopia ended this week with the implementation of a new civilian constitution.

On Wednesday, the newly elected civilian Parliament held its inaugural meeting. On Thursday, the provisional military council was abolished with the declaration of a republic, and the chairman of the council, Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, was elected to be the country's first civilian President.

On the face of it, little has changed. The military council's deputy chairman, Lieutenant-Colonel Fikre-Selassie Wogderes, has become Prime Minister, and the deputy general secretary of the ruling party, Mr Fisseha Desta, is the new Vice-President.

A military marchpast at the weekend will be the key event in the celebrations to mark the 13th anniversary of the revolution which overthrew the feudal regime of the late Haile Selassie.

The new constitution is on classic Marxist-Leninist lines, with national and local soviets (translated into Amharic as *shengos*). Power is in the hands of a "vanguard party", the Workers' Party of Ethiopia, which was formed three years ago and which diplomats and aid workers say has been steadily increasing its grip on administration at all levels, replacing the old-style civil servants in doing so.

But some attempt appears to have been made to preempt further criticisms of the country's record on religious freedom, human rights and domination by the Amharic minority. There are more Muslim and Orthodox Christian members of the *shengos* than had been expected; the constitution requires that anyone arrested must be brought to court within 48 hours, and there is an acknowledgement, in the provisions it makes for regional autonomy, of the need to make some concession to the rebels in Eritrea

Such gestures may be only tokens, some Western observers believe. All candidates for election were vetted by the WPE and listed on the ballot in numerical order, with the apparent understanding that the man at the top was to be elected. In the total of 813 seats, the number one candidate failed to be returned in only five.

Also, the provision for autonomy is entirely within the gift (and withdrawal) of the *shengo*. And the Eritrean rebels will not feel much confidence in the shadowy provision for the regions made by a constitution which repeatedly insists that Ethiopia is a "unitary state" and which concentrates more power in the hands of President Mengistu than the constitution of the Soviet Union does in Mr Gorbachov.

President Mengistu: facing life without a uniform.

Nonetheless, Western diplomats in Addis Ababa, the capital, believe that the constitution leaves open the possibility of Ethiopia developing along any one of a wide range of ostensibly Marxist paths.

Ethiopia is continuing in its policy of alliance with the Soviet Union without entirely closing the door on the West. It has recently placed a substantial order for American Boeings rather than Russian aircraft for its national airline. It is understood to be maintaining a good covert relationship with Israel, which is said to have supplied spare parts for its ageing American military aircraft. But, above all, it needs Western food aid.

One signpost that any real changes are afoot could come at the weekend, when it is thought that many political prisoners, mainly those arrested for alternative brands of revolutionary practice during the regime's early days, could be released.

But the real sign that President Mengistu feels truly secure, many observers believe, would be for him to include in the amnesty the seven elderly princesses of the old royal family.

Kanaks urged to boycott vote

From Stephen Taylor
Nouméa, New Caledonia

The main leader of New Caledonia's indigenous Melanesian population yesterday made a final plea for a boycott of Sunday's scheduled referendum, as the only way to convince France that the territory should be granted independence.

M Jean-Marie Tjibaou, leader of the main Kanak independence party, the FNLKS, said that by refusing to take part Melanesians would be refusing to submit to "cultural genocide".

"Keep your heads held high in the face of the warriors without a cause who are insulting you," he said in a reference to the French settler majority, who have been campaigning to avoid independence at all costs.

Because of the opposition boycott, the result on Sunday is not in doubt; only the size of the vote in favour of maintaining the link to France. The ramifications of the voting figure are still important, however, and on them will hinge the next initiative of the Chirac Government.

The size of the turn-out itself also will be of interest, since the FNLKS has been accused of resorting to intimidation to prevent the 43 per cent of the population who are Melanesian from voting.

French Government sources have indicated that any figure above 53 per cent of the electorate voting in favour of remaining a dependency would be seen as a good result.

A member of the Kanaky Students Association at the University of the South Pacific, Fiji, protesting at the New Caledonia independence referendum by burning a French tricolor.

The anti-independence settlers — the Caldoches — have been buoyed by a successful rally held in Nouméa by their principal political voice, M Jacques Lafleur's RPCR, the main settler party.

Their mood has been further encouraged by the apparent failure of a so-called "week of mobilization" by the Kanak independence party.

The FNLKS was barred last month by M Bernard Pons, the French Minister of Overseas Territories, from staging marches and demonstrations. He feared that such occasions might lead to clashes with Caldoches, similar to those which have claimed more than 20 lives since 1984. French CRS riot police flown to New Caledonia have been quick to nip in the bud any illegal gatherings.

Yesterday had to be the day if the Kanak independence party was to score a propaganda victory, but a projected mass "mobilization" fizzled out in Nouméa. The only reports of relatively successful FNLKS rallies came from the Loyalty Islands, two small atolls to the east of the main island, Grande Terre.

Whatever the result, M Jean Montpezat, High Commissioner of the Republic, said in an interview yesterday that it would be a triumph for democracy.

Unrest as Burma sinks into poverty

By Neil Kelly

When students rioted last weekend in Rangoon for the first time in 13 years the local correspondent of an international news agency advised his head office: "I am meditating," thereby indicating that he could not file the story because of government censorship.

The Burmese Government reacted to the protests by closing all places of education indefinitely. Newspapers, all government-controlled, informed the public that students' annual holidays, normally in October, had been brought forward.

Foreign diplomats in Rangoon blame official censorship and disinformation for much of Burma's plight.

Abrupt monetary changes a week ago making 80 per cent of the currency valueless precipitated the riots. The drastic move was an attempt to deal with the huge black market, tax avoidance and counterfeit banknotes used by rebellious ethnic minorities.

Valid money has now been given to state employees, 10 per cent of the work force, but most people still have almost no cash at all.

A senior Western diplomat described the situation as "the last straw" after decades of national mismanagement and rigid state controls.

"By isolating Burma and failing to provide competent leadership, General Ne Win has allowed a quarter of a century's potential development to go to waste and has now run his country into the ground," he said.

As Burma sinks into the United Nations' special category of "least developed nation" well informed sources see serious unrest ahead, arising primarily from food and fuel shortages and disaffection in the army whose loyalty has kept General Ne Win, now 76, in power for 25 years.

Early this year hundreds of middle ranking and junior officers were arrested for criticizing the Government in public. General Ne Win recently raised a new division of "shock troops" to secure his control of the military.

Younger government officials for the first time have been talking openly to visitors about the desperate need for changes.

Wave of suicides among teenage Laplanders troubles Norway

From Tony Samstag
Oslo

Norwegian health authorities have announced the hasty formation of a "crisis centre" to deal with an unprecedented wave of suicides among young people in the northernmost province of Finnmark, near the Soviet border.

Five young men in the remote settlement of Karasjok, most of whose 2,000 widely scattered residents are Sami, or Laplanders, have killed themselves this summer. In the past two years, eight young people have committed suicide.

Inevitably, in such a sparsely-populated area, virtually everyone in Karasjok knew the victims, all in their teens or early 20s. Karasjok now tops the suicide statistics for Norway. Doctors attribute the phenomenon in part to the pressures of "Norwegianization" on semi-nomads.

But Finnmark has always been a relatively unhealthy place, with suicide rates roughly double the national average and a harsh climate and landscape contributing to high death rates, whether by accident or simple attrition exacted over a lifetime by such an environment.

The latest wave of suicides can only exacerbate Oslo's struggle to keep this second most sparsely-populated country in Europe from emptying completely.

The Nordic countries have always had a largely undeserved reputation for high suicide rates, a logical outgrowth of the "melancholy Dane" cliché.

Nordic Council statistics for 1984 and 1985 record 584 Norwegian suicides, roughly half the totals in Finland, Sweden and Denmark, all of which have larger populations.

In terms of frequency, Finland takes first place with 26 per 100,000 as against 14 in Norway. Suicide rates in Switzerland, Austria and a number of Eastern European countries are all higher.

Coincidentally, Swedish researchers at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm announced this week the discovery of a possible hereditary factor in suicides.

A shortage of the hormone serotonin in the brain, which seemed to run in families, appeared to increase the statistical probability of suicide, the scientists said. Such suicides also showed a greater tendency to use violent means of killing themselves — hanging, shooting, throwing themselves out of windows

Other violent and impulsive behaviour was also more likely among those now confidently characterized by the study team as a "high risk" group.

The suicidal tendencies of some families had, of course, been noted, but attributed to psychological factors and parental example: if the father shot himself, the son was at risk. But a Danish study of 57 adoptive children who had committed suicide first suggested a link with depressive tendencies in their biological parents.

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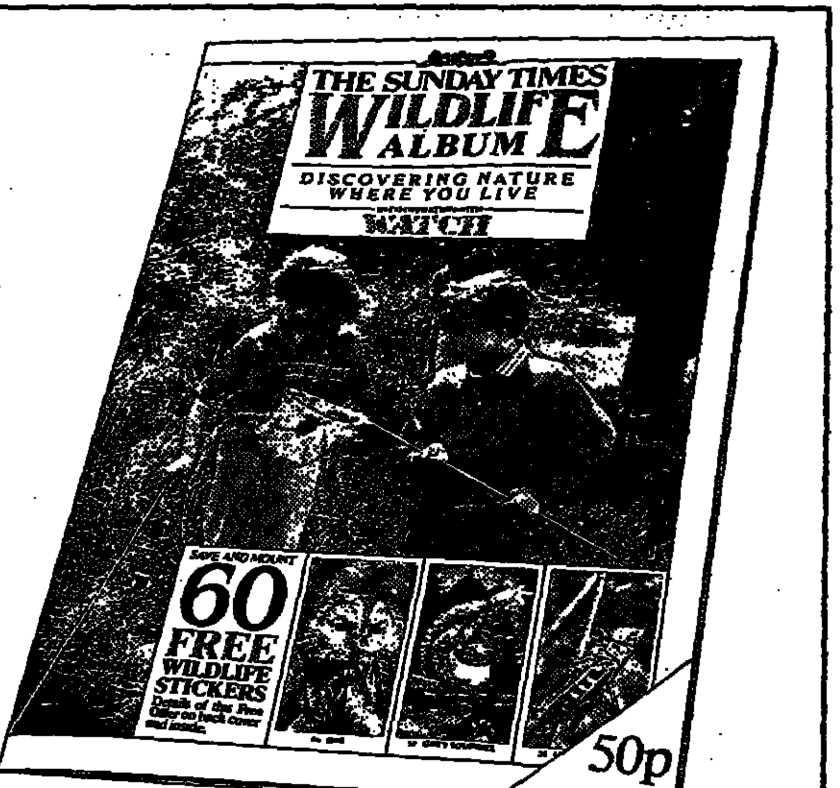

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East German hints at concession may still not impress West German voters

Honecker in 'friendlier border rules' suggestion

From Richard Owen, Munich

Herr Erich Honecker, the leader of East Germany, yesterday ended his remarkable five-day visit to West Germany by raising hopes of more relaxed frontier controls between the two states.

His final remarks on the need for a "friendly" border could hold the promise of fewer shooting incidents and greatly expanded travel.

He held talks yesterday in Munich with Herr Franz Josef Strauss, the Bavarian Prime Minister and leader of the Christian Social Union, the sister party of the ruling Christian Democratic Union.

Herr Honecker also visited the former concentration camp at nearby Dachau to lay a wreath to the victims of Nazism, noting that those who had passed through its gates included many communists and socialists

Earlier, the East German leader had visited his home town, Wiebelskirchen in the Saarland, and in off-the-cuff remarks – the second time he has departed from set responses – said that the German borders were "not as they should be". Herr Honecker, who has appeared relaxed and smiling recently, in contrast to a stiff and nervous manner on his arrival on Monday, referred repeatedly to the impact that meeting many West German personalities had made on him.

There was a need for a "new dimension" in peaceful coexistence, he said. Provided East and West Germany cooperated in future in the spirit of the joint communique issued on Tuesday after his talks with Chancellor Kohl, "the day will come when borders no longer divide us but unite us".

Bonn officials greeted this as positive. Herr Honecker did not mention the Berlin Wall, however, and East German officials were clearly unhappy with "misinterpretations" of his remarks which suggested that the Wall might come down. In a statement yesterday, he referred only to "good neighbourly relations".

Herr Strauss said Herr Honecker's remarks about the border should not be interpreted in a "Utopian and fantastic way", but were a hopeful sign. The Bavarian leader – who, although an arch conservative, has played a leading role in contacts with East Germany – referred specifically to the Wall during a lunch for Herr Honecker and also criticized the East German "shoot to kill" policy as out of step with the impending "new phase" in world politics.

He appealed to Herr Honecker to realize that "many of our fellow countrymen on both sides have similar human wishes". Social Democratic Party officials said its leaders had handed Herr Honecker "hundreds of petitions" from East German refugees in West Germany who were separated from their families.

A solemn Herr Honecker entering Dachau, where he laid a wreath at the memorial to the victims of the Nazi regime. He spent his last day in West Germany visiting Munich.

Kohl the statesman runs risk of rebuff at home

News Analysis

One of the most thoughtful remarks during this week's visit to West Germany by Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, came from President Richard von Weizsacker, who observed that German history "did not begin with Bismarck or end with Hitler".

As the echoes of the Honecker visit fade away and attention turns to tomorrow's crucial state elections, many West Germans are asking themselves what place history will accord to the man who had the delicate task of handling West Germany's opening to the East while being watched closely by Moscow, Washington and the rest of Europe: Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

The paradox is that while Herr Kohl's stock as a statesman has risen since the days when he was regarded as bumbling and gaffe-prone, his domestic standing has sunk to the point where he risks a rebuff at the hands of voters tomorrow in Schleswig-Holstein, where the Christian Democratic Government has been in power for 37 years but is so conscious of imminent defeat that it has spent the past few days trying to dissuade the Free Democrats (FDP) from entering a local coalition with the Social Democrats (SPD) after the election.

Herr Franz Josef Strauss, leader of the Christian Social Union, the Bavarian sister party of the CDU, was even brought up from Munich to Kiel to warn the FDP it would be committing suicide, and should instead abide by the CDU-FDP coalition that rules in Bonn.

Although his standing in Europe is in some ways beginning to match his towering physical bulk, Herr Kohl received a profound shock in last January's general election, when the CDU had its majority slashed. Its FDP partners have thus become more crucial than ever to the coalition, and were instrumental in Herr Kohl's recent decision to scrap West Germany's Pershing 1A missiles to bring a superpower agreement on medium-range weapons closer. Herr Kohl dominates the political scene, and in one local election this year – in Hesse in April – the CDU actually won local government from the SPD.

But Herr Kohl's successes have as much to do with the weakness of the opposition as with his own strengths. The SPD has not yet produced a convincing leader following the defeat of Herr Johannes Rau, the Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, in the general election. The brightest SPD star is Herr Oskar Lafontaine, the Prime Minister in Saarland, who used Herr Honecker's visit to his native region this week to further promote his cause.

Herr Kohl's real popularity, observers say, was shown in the Rhineland-Palatinate election in May, when the CDU lost its majority after 16 years. Up in Schleswig-Holstein, peopled by a hardy breed of farmers near the Danish border the central questions are economic, with the farmers blaming Herr Kohl for agreeing to reforms of EEC agricultural policy which they say damaged their livelihoods.

To make matters worse the CDU is increasingly at odds with the CSU and the incisive but irascible Herr Strauss. The CSU is also in a constant state of war with the FDP. Herr Strauss, always a thorn in Herr Kohl's side, was furious when he was not consulted over the Pershing 1A issue. If the CDU does lose tomorrow's election, Herr Strauss will come closer to his goal of gaining the balance of power in the *Bundesrat*, the upper house in Bonn, which can block legislation.

Perhaps sensing the pressure on Herr Kohl over farm policy, the missiles question, tax reform and other issues, the SPD this week vowed to "hound" the Chancellor in the *Bundestag* (Parliament). But Herr Kohl may now be able to ride out both voters' discontent and contretemps within his coalition, provided – though it is a large if – the promises he has secured from Herr Honecker on breaking down inter-German border controls are fulfilled.

The West German press, normally grudging in its praise for Herr Kohl, this week was unanimous in applauding his skill, his insistence that shootings at the Berlin Wall must stop, and his uncompromising adherence to the goal of German unity. Only a few months ago commentators were urging him to act more decisively. He now appears increasingly confident.

Herr Kohl faces problems in his own party, heading off a challenge by CDU left-wingers who want the government to adopt a more "caring" image, for example, by offering refuge to political prisoners in Chile. But the feeling is he can over-ride such troubles by building on his international image, with the next major chance coming at the end of the year, when West Germany takes over to Presidency of the EEC Council of Ministers. Even some of those who formerly mocked him are among those who are beginning to hope that Herr Kohl might, with the apparent success of his "Germany policy" behind him, be able to provide Europe with the decisive leadership it now lacks.

Richard Owen

Swapo members released

Johannesburg – Six leading members of the internal wing of the South-West African People's Organization (Swapo) detained last month under the Terrorism Act were freed yesterday on the orders of the Windhoek Supreme Court (Ray Kennedy writes).

It was the first time in the territory's legal history that a court had freed people held under the Act, which provides for indefinite detention without trial.

Outside the court, crowds of blacks cheered and waved clenched fists in black power salutes.

Sikh fights

Wellington (AFP) – Four men were injured when months of religious tension erupted into violence in Auckland and two groups of Sikhs fought with swords, machetes and metal pipes, police said.

Fire sentence

Hong Kong (Reuter) – A Chinese immigrant who tried to set fire to Peking's *de facto* embassy in Hong Kong was sent by a court to a psychiatric ward for a year.

Canada links

Vienna (Reuter) – Albania, Europe's last self-proclaimed Stalinist state, has agreed to establish diplomatic ties with Canada, the official Albanian news agency ATA said.

Rights protest

Brussels (Reuter) – The EEC has protested to Paraguay over the closing of the weekly *Pueblo* and urged President Alfredo Stroessner's government to respect social and political rights.

Bank strike

Harare (AP) – Riot police with batons and dogs broke up a demonstration in a Harare park by hundreds of bank workers striking for higher pay and improved conditions.

Advisers quit

Brussels (Reuter) – Four advisers to the Belgian Government have resigned over Finance Ministry plans to cut income tax.

Yugoslav leader 'knew of scandal'

From Dessa Trevisan, Belgrade

As the murky background of Yugoslavia's biggest postwar financial scandal, involving the state firm Agrokomerc, emerges, it is becoming increasingly apparent that it could not have happened without the backing of powerful politicians.

The Yugoslav press, which was instrumental in bringing the affair to light, is training its guns on the politicians who have been directly involved in the affair, including Mr Hamdija Pozderac, the Vice-President. Under the rotating federal presidential system he would automatically assume the post of head of state next May.

State security is now investigating the scandal after the managing director of the Bosnian enterprise, Mr Fikret Abdic, was arrested on charges of fraudulent activities.

The Vice-President more or less admitted publicly to having known of the firm's financial difficulties but apparently he had kept silent in the hope that the matter could be hushed up.

His brother, Mr Hakija Pozderac, who until recently was a member of the Communist Party's Central Committee, was in fact the powerful patron of the troubled firm and its ambitious manager. Agrokomerc has until now been held up as a model of success to other state enterprises. It now transpires, however, that its success was largely built on fictitious capital and that it had issued unsecured promisory notes worth $860 million (over £521 million).

Before his arrest, Mr Abdic told the press that he had the backing of the Vice-President but later he retracted this statement. On Wednesday, however, another Agrokomerc manager claimed that minutes and tapes had been deposited with the Nova Kladusa radio station, proving that the firm enjoyed the backing of the Vice-President, but they had now curiously disappeared.

Bangladesh research key to dehydration fight

From Michael Hamlyn
Dhaka

Although more than 600 people died in the floods which ravaged Bangladesh during July and August, even more people will die after the waters have abated because of diarrhoeal disease.

Already official figures have put the total deaths from this cause at 441, and the irony is that because of work done in Bangladesh itself by an international research institute, no one need die of diarrhoeal disease at all.

The most common diarrhoeal diseases are caused by cholera, shigella, rota-virus, the E. Coli bacteria, and parasites such as giardia and amoeba. Virtually all of them are caught by drinking polluted water. "But people do not die of diarrhoea," explained Mr M.R. Bashir, the acting director of the International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research, "they die of dehydration."

Oral rehydration, the restoring of vital fluids and salts by the mouth, was first proved possible in a study by the American Navy after the Second World War, but it was not until the 1960s that an effective formula was discovered.

Thanks to work done at the Bangladesh centre a cheap and easy combination of readily available household products was shown to do the trick. Mix a pinch of salt and a handful of sugar in a litre of boiled water, and drink it. The sugar molecules bind with the water effectively to rehydrate the body and the salt provides essential mineral replenishment.

New research at the centre has shown that rice will do the job of sugar, and homes here are much more likely to have rice.

Doctors at the centre say that potassium would be a useful addition to the salt, and can be obtained either by drinking coconut water – also plentiful here – or consuming molasses, often used in place of sugar.

To fight the epidemic that has followed the floods the centre has doubled its own output of prepackaged oral rehydration salts (ORS) for distribution to medical centres around the country. The network of small-scale suppliers they have built up is turning out 40,000 packages a day.

Other organizations, such as the Communist Party of Bangladesh, are also turning out packages of ORS.

Cholera victims and other sufferers in the Dhaka area have been pouring in to the hospital that the centre runs in the heart of the capital. The arrivals rate was 50 per cent higher in August than in August last year, and because of the severity of many cases the length of stay is longer.

Thus the hospital is heavily overcrowded, with patients lining the corridors and filling the foyers in three rows.

Typical of them is Mr Mujibur Rahman, a 30-year-old farmer from Ghazipur district, who was brought in by his brother, suffering from cholera, the deadliest of this group of diseases capable of killing a man in less than an hour by dehydrating him.

Four hours after his admission Mr Rahman was recovering, lying in the hospital foyer, a drip in his arm pouring in fluids

The largest proportion of patients come in, are rehydrated quickly and leave within 24 or even 12 hours, but the intensive care unit housed a number of young children whose prognosis was very much less hopeful.

Eight-month-old Zahirul Islam, for example, was desperately ill. He was suffering from septicaemia as well as dehydration. "We think he has only a 50-50 chance," said Dr Muhammad Abdus Salam, the hospital's senior physician.

Dr Salam was not despairing, however. The hospital's death rate is 0.04 per cent of admissions. "We have not lost a single patient in the past month from diarrhoeal disease," he said.

● **DHAKA:** More than two million Bangladeshi flood refugees spent agonizing moments yesterday as a fresh spate of water in the Ganges, Mahananda and Bhairab rivers washed away the last remains of their devastated homes and pushed further the hope of an early return to villages in western and central Bangladesh (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Delhi – Facing the worst drought of the century, the Indian Government has announced steps to cut spending by $6.5 billion (£3.9 billion) to a target thought to be about $20 billion (Kuldip Nayar writes). All schemes not related to agriculture, and on which work has not yet been started, have been shelved. Travel budgets of key ministries in India and abroad have been curtailed as have official entertainment and the use of staff cars. Training programmes, seminars and conferences have been deferred to the next year. The India-Soviet festival scheduled in Delhi for November is a casualty because the decision postpones festivals, fairs and exhibitions. Allocations for government publicity have also been cut. Similar steps were announced in 1979.

Dispute over Aozou Strip

Chad and Libya accept ceasefire call

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

Both Chad and Libya have accepted a call by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to declare a ceasefire.

The Chad Government said that the duration of the ceasefire would depend on the OAU calling quickly a meeting of its Special Committee on the disputed Aozou Strip in order to reach a permanent solution.

The ceasefire agreement is a feather in the cap of OAU's recently elected chairman, Dr Kenneth Kaunda, who has put in a great deal of hard work in the past few weeks mediating between the two sides.

However, the length of the ceasefire will depend on his ability to get the two sides quickly round a negotiating table. The OAU Special Committee, headed by President Omar Bongo of Gabon, has so far failed to get Libya to attend the meetings it has set up.

President Hissène Habré of Chad was the first to accept the ceasefire offer yesterday but was soon followed by an announcement on Libyan radio, which agreed to stop hostilities, leaving several questions unanswered.

Libyan planes had on Thursday bombed the northern Chad oasis of Faya-Largeau, killing 12 people and injuring 20 others, according to Chad sources.

The death toll is the highest admitted so far by the Chad Government during in connection with Libyan bombing raids over northern Chad.

Libyan occupying forces were driven out by Chad government forces in daring operations earlier this year. President Habré then moved further north, into the Aozou Strip, which divides the two countries and is claimed by both.

Colonel Gadaffi: fought to the negotiating table.

Chad forces temporarily took over the small oasis town of Aozou, but did not push further and were driven out by the Libyans three weeks ago. The Libyans still have their large Aozou airbase, which straddles the Libyan frontier.

Having reached stalemate in the Strip, Chad then staged a suprise attack on another Libyan airbase at Matan as Sara, this time inside Libyan territory. The Chad Government has maintained that its military offensive has been designed to bring Libya to the negotiating table.

There was no official reaction yesterday in Paris to news of the ceasefire, but French officials underlined that this was a purely Chad-Libyan dispute and that France has always been in favour of a diplomatic solution to the Aozou Strip dispute. France will wait to see if Colonel Gadaffi will now agree to negotiate before acclaiming too fervently this fragile truce.

● **ADDIS ABABA:** President Kaunda, the OAU chairman, affirmed at a news conference here that he organized the ceasefire talks through President Bongo, who chairs the border dispute committee (Reuter reports). He confirmed that Chad and Libya had accepted the ceasefire

Muldoon is banished to the back-benches

From Richard Long, Wellington

After being relegated to the back-benches in the opposition National Party's front-bench reshuffle yesterday, Sir Robert Muldoon, the former Prime Minister of New Zealand, said he would continue to speak out for a middle-of-the-road economic policy.

Sir Robert, an economic interventionist, made it clear that he disagreed with Miss Ruth Richardson, the party's new finance spokesman, who said after her promotion yesterday that she backed the free-market economic climate promoted by the Labour Government.

Mr Jim Bolger, the party leader, took over from Sir Robert as spokesman for foreign affairs and relegated Sir Robert to the back-benches when he declined an offer to become defence spokesman.

Sir Robert, Prime Minister and Finance Minister from 1975 to 1984, said he chose the back-bench because it freed him to speak out on the economy and to help return the National Party to its traditional position.

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SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

Going for broke

How nice to own a chunk of every stage of a profitable operation. Between them, Britain's big four bookies — Ladbrokes, Coral, Mecca and William Hill — and the Bookmakers' Afternoon Greyhound Service own more than 4,000 of the country's 10,200 betting shops. 45 per cent of Satellite Information Services, which supplies information to the punters, and four of the six tracks used for afternoon greyhound meetings. Now Ladbrokes, fresh from buying the Hilton hotel chain, are expanding their racecourse operations in America. They own one course in Detroit and are looking at a second in California. Is the next stage, perhaps, ownership of racecourses in Britain? Those who would consider such dominance of the sport unhealthy will be monitoring the situation closely.

● **I asked my racing snout if there was anything to beat Reference Point, 1-4 on, in the St Leger. He gave a hollow laugh and recommended Ashgate Comet in the last event of the Arab race meeting at Larkhill on Salisbury Plain as the bet of the day.**

Well?

Here are some sport and literature questions from the newly published *Sports Challenge 2*, from the Guinness Book of Records people. Answers at the foot of the column. 1. Which famous French novelist and thinker is widely quoted as saying: "Everything I know about morals I learnt on the football field"? 2. Which fictitious detectives (a) solved the mystery of the missing three-quarter; (b) solved the murder on the links; and (c) played cricket at Lord's for Eton against Harrow? 3. In which book does a cricket ball take three pages to fall to earth?

Aland ahoy

The second Island Games continue on Guernsey until Wednesday. Sark, with a population of 500, and Alderney, with a population of 750, will both be there — but dwarfed by such giants as Iceland, with 240,000, and the Isle of Wight, with 120,000. I am cheering for Aland, a Finnish group in the Baltic with 6,500 islands and an average of 3.5 people on each.

Pulling power

More wonderful sporting news from the Pipesmokers' Give It A Go Challenge. Malcolm Jamieson, an actor, and Debbie Raymond, deputy editor of *Men Only*, will take part in a carriage driving competition at Smith's Lawn, Windsor, on September 20. Miss Raymond confides that she owns five pipes, all of different colours. "I choose my pipe according to what I'm wearing," she said. "My favourite is dappled pink with a long elegant black stem." I trust it won't frighten the horses.

Roller bowler

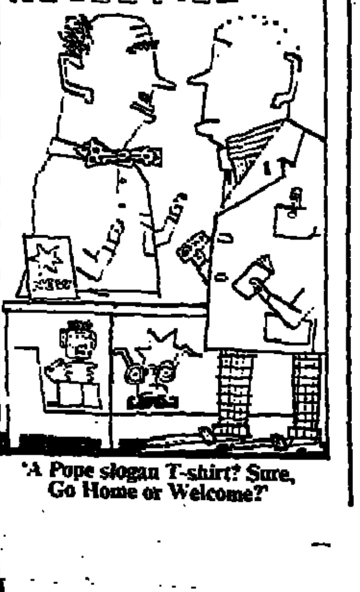
Perhaps the finest demonstration of cricketing chutzpah this season was given by the great and good Phil Edmonds when he appeared before a disciplinary meeting at Lord's to discuss various reprehensible things attributed to him in some newspaper or other. Edmonds, who described himself in his biography as "a dilettante entrepreneur" — our man with the cellular phone and the Filofax left behind in yesterday's cricket kit — turned up driving a blue Rolls-Royce that, naturally, had a PE number plate. "Well, you know how it is," he said. "You come to the end of your time with a county, you lose your sponsored car, and so you come to need a second car, don't you?"

Ayee Aida

Johann Cruyff, the former footballer of genius and now manager of Ajax of Amsterdam, had a ready answer when he found his boys making a poor start to the season. He went out and hired an opera singer. Del Ferro, a retired tenor, has landed a year's contract to lead the players through a series of breathing exercises before each game: the same kind that singers do before giving Verdi a good going over. Don't mock: Ajax have pulled themselves together and started pinging in the goals at a great rate.

Answers: 1. Albert Camus. 2. (a) Sherlock Holmes; (b) Hercule Poirot; (c) Lord Peter Wimsey. 3. England Their England.

BARRY FANTONI



'A Pope slogan T-shirt? Sure, Go Home or Welcome?'

Calling Telecom to account

by Graham Mather

The complaints about British Telecom are an invevitable consequence of the way it was privatized. Gas, electricity and water supply could all rub up against the same fundamental contradiction as the imperatives of a viable flotation compete with the desire to maximise competition and choice.

There is a solution, already being discussed by Professor Bryan Carsberg, director-general of BT's watchdog body, Oftel. Ultimately it could revolutionize the way in which utilities, national organizations and ultimately local and central government account to their customers.

The idea is to hit at the chief means by which utilities in a pre-competitive environment shield themselves from customer accountability: their exclusion of liability under the rules of contract, which would otherwise allow individuals to recover damages for loss caused by wrongful behaviour.

Under BT's present licensing regime, customers cannot require service to be provided or restored by a specific date; they cannot recover the loss suffered as a result of lost business, or the cost of alternative arrangements.

Only the regulatory agencies can enforce licence terms, and they must move slowly and indirectly. Their reactions to customer dissatisfaction must be channelled through statutory procedures; they are constantly under pressure from the utility itself, and must look over their shoulders at the politicians who appoint them. Often they satisfy no one.

But customers and regulators would have an effective sanction if utilites were required by their licences to meet pre-set performance standards to individual customers, and not to escape liability for failure to do so.

Customers would be able to recover damages where real loss had been suffered. Legislators and regulatory agencies would be challenged to set tight contractual standards of service. The utilities themselves would have clear and certain service targets — with powerful incentives to meet them, and sanctions against failure.

Like the trade unions today, the utilities would mend their ways not as a result of legal action itself, but its threat. Most aggrieved customers, like many employers, would not want to go to law, but that ultimate deterrent would be there to ensure better behaviour.

Once such a change is introduced at BT, as now looks likely, its impact could extend more widely. The importance of electricity, water and gas supply make it a near certainty that these utilities, too, would in due course lose the ability to exclude liability for economic loss. There is a compelling case to treat central and local government, embarking on a long process of transferring much service provision to outside contractors, in the same way as their private sector counterparts.

From local authorities which fail to collect refuse on time to health authorities which maladminister waiting lists, or licensing bodies which unreasonably delay the issue of certificates — wherever customers have no option than to use a state-controlled provision, a clear right to cash redress can help regulators enforce reasonable service standards.

The legal mechanism is straightforward. Individuals and businesses that have suffered loss could claim for the damage suffered, or up to a pre-established fixed or limited amount: perhaps a penalty of £100 per week for non-supply of domestic necessities like water, electricity or telephone; or a credit voucher for the cost of private health care where a health authority waiting list goes beyond a pre-set maximum wait.

To ensure that small customers are not deterred by the formalities of making claims, regulators could require a "good service bond" from utilities. They would use the sum deposited to meet approved small compensation claims themselves, to a limit of say £500.

Legal precedents already exist. The Riot Damages Act, for example, allows those whose property is damaged by riot to recover their loss from the police authority which failed to prevent it. And the Public Health Act of 1936 made local authorities which failed to remove refuse without reasonable excuse liable to pay a five shilling penalty for each day after the request was made.

The modern state has reserved to itself large tracts of economic activity which can produce poor service, inconvenience, and economic loss to its customers. Only the disciplines and innovatory thrust of a truly competitive market can guarantee customer satisfaction: but making them liable for unacceptable service can go a long way to fill the gap. It could be an enduring and useful legacy of BT's recent problems.

The author is general director of the Institute of Economic Affairs.

John Grigg pays a 90th birthday tribute to Kenneth Lindsay

Baldwin was his master

Who is the only survivor of the last Baldwin government? Who was the first chairman of the Oxford Labour Club and the first Labour president of the Oxford Union? Who was the first general secretary of PEP (Political and Economic Planning), which he helped to found? Who created the body that later became the Arts Council? Who is the only person now living to have been elected to the Westminster Parliament by proportional representation?

The same man answers to all these questions. He is Kenneth Lindsay, 90 next Wednesday.

He looks and sounds 20 years younger, with his relatively unlined skin, bright eyes, clear voice and quick reactions. It is hard to believe that before the First World War he was a teenager commuting daily from his home in Forest Hill, south London, to St Olave's Grammar School in Tooley Street, near London Bridge.

His father, a stockjobber of Scots Presbyterian descent, but English-educated, gave literary lectures in his spare time and read Dickens aloud to his six children. But he died prematurely, in shocking circumstances, in 1913. He had been to Turnberry to play golf, taking his eldest daughter with him, and they were killed together on the way back in the Kirkby Stephen railway disaster.

St Olave's was an excellent school, with an outstanding headmaster, W. G. Rushbrooke, a scholarly Anglican with a taste for music, English poetry and Italian painting. He became a father-figure to Lindsay, who won an exhibition from St Olave's to Worcester College, Oxford.

But first he went to the war, enlisting in 1916 as a private in the Honourable Artillery Company. He was wounded in the third battle of Ypres when his battery received a direct hit. Recovering from his wound at Harfleur he started an arts club, which was visited by Sybil Thorndike.

He ended the war with a commission, but his service in the ranks clearly contributed to his move to the left — an army friend nicknamed him "Trotsky". And the process was accelerated after he reached Oxford in 1919, because one of his tutors was R.H. Tawney.

Joining the Labour Party, he served for two terms as founder-chairman of the Labour Club. But his greatest triumphs were at the Oxford Union, where he was elected president in 1921. A visiting bishop said that he was the right man for the job because he represented the new age. "In Mr Lindsay the gospel of the Union may be said to be centred, for new inquiry is a gospel in itself." But Evelyn Waugh disliked the vote-catching tone of his speeches. The tension between politics and objective study was to become a feature of his life.

He switched from classics to history, but the distractions of politics and sport — he played soccer for the university — probably damaged his chances of a First. Anyway, he got a Second. But he looks back on his time at Oxford with unalloyed pleasure, comparing the immediate post-war period there with the age of Erasmus.

Oxford determined the next phase of his career, though in a way that could not have been predicted. With Christopher Hollis and Edward Marjoribanks, he went on the first Oxford Union debating tour in the United States. "I went for a fortnight and stayed for a year."

He stayed because a rich widow to whom he had an introduction took a shine to him. She was Mrs Willard Straight, the former Dorothy Whitney. Her homes on Fifth Avenue and Long Island became, for a time, his homes, and he met all sorts of interesting people there such as Walter Lippmann and Edmund Wilson, who wrote for the *New Republic*, which she owned. She also enabled him to travel all over the United States.

Was she attractive? "Yes, in a rather ethereal way." But was her attraction for him only ethereal? "I'm not sure about that; I'd need notice of that question." He has old-fashioned reticence in such matters, but one senses that her marriage in 1925 to Leonard Elmhirst, founder of the Dartington experiments, may have been quite a blow to him.

If so, he had other such pangs and, according to friends, caused many more. In the end he never married. Dorothy Elmhirst remained a friend, and her husband became one.

Back in England, after his year in America, he worked for several years at Toynbee Hall, and while there published, in 1926, *Social Progress and Educational Waste*. This is hailed as a pioneering work by C.L. Mowat in his standard history of the inter-war years.

Lindsay was also, at the time, a keen would-be politician. During the 1920s he stood as Labour candidate at Harrow, Oxford and Worcester. But he was not elected, and by the end of the decade was an official in the Dominions Office, in charge of overseas settlement.

In 1931 he founded PEP with Max Nicholson of *The System* fame. This was an anonymous group of about 150 civil servants, businessmen, academics and professional people, devoting themselves to the study of national problems. The Elmhirsts helped to finance it, and so did Israel Sieff, who says in his memoirs that Lindsay "did more than anybody else to establish it".

In 1933, Lindsay became an MP at last after Ramsay MacDonald asked him to stand as National Labour candidate in a by-election at Kilmarnock. He felt he could not refuse MacDonald. "I had stayed with him and walked the Highlands with him. He knew every rock; a geologist really. I was a friend of the family."

Lindsay's victory at Kilmarnock gave the National government a welcome boost after its very recent by-election defeat at Fulham. He made his maiden speech seconding the Address to the Throne, a sure mark of ministerial favour.

Two years later, when Baldwin succeeded MacDonald, he was given junior office as Civil Lord of the Admiralty, and when Neville Chamberlain took over from Baldwin in 1937 he moved Lindsay to the department for which he was best qualified, the Board of Education, as parliamentary secretary. There he remained until the Churchill coalition was formed in 1940, and for nearly all of that time was not only the Commons spokesman but effective head of the department, because its formal heads (Stanhope and, after him, De la Warr) were peers with little knowledge of the subject.

His most important achievements were the Youth Service and CEMA (Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts). From his days at Toynbee Hall he was concerned about young people after they left school, and was glad to be able to do something for them. "We set up a training college for youth officers at Leicester and provided at least one youth officer for every local authority, whereas previously there had been only 18 in the whole country."

CEMA reflected the inspiration of W. G. Rushbrooke and Lindsay's own arts club at Harfleur. It was started with a grant of £25,000 from the Pilgrim Trust, and a matching grant from the Treasury. In 1946, its name was changed to the Arts Council.

By then Lindsay's all-too-brief ministerial career was over. When Labour came into coalition, National Labour was at a discount. And in the polarized politics that followed the Second World War there was no scope in government for a man of Lindsay's increasingly centrist and eclectic views.

Realizing that Kilmarnock was hopeless, he stood in 1945 as an Independent for the Combined English Universities, and was returned, with Eleanor Rathbone, by the single transferable vote (STV) method. During his last period as an MP he served on the council of the Festival of Britain and was chairman of the National Book League. He also showed early enthusiasm for the European movement.

But the Attlee government abolished plural voting and, with the disappearance of the university seats in 1950, Lindsay's parliamentary career ended. He has remained very active, however, and above all has kept in touch with education. Last year another Kenneth, now in charge of English education half a century after Lindsay, invited him to the ministry for a talk.

Lindsay enjoys such occasions, because he enjoys the present as well as recalling the past. What does he most miss from the world of his youth? "Well, I'm a bit of a grammarian, and I do rather mind the sloppy way some people talk nowadays." There is nothing sloppy about him.

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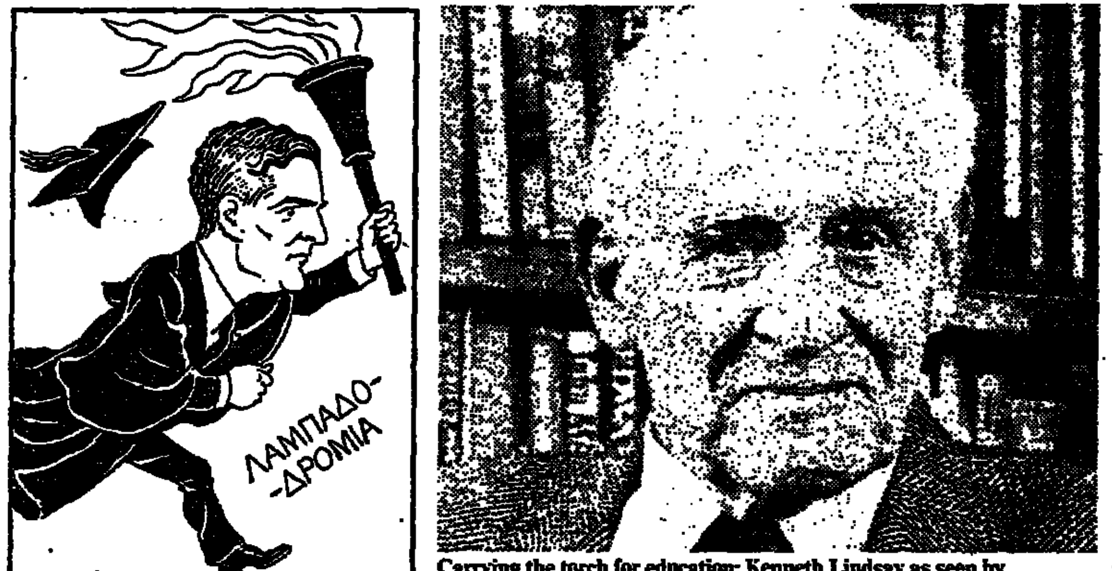

Carrying the torch for education: Kenneth Lindsay as seen by Punch in 1937 when he became, effectively, head of the Board of Education, and now as he approaches his 90th birthday

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The Pope's tricky political course

Rome
Officially, the Vatican says there is nothing political about the Pope: his trips abroad (the latest, to America, is his 36th) are invariably pastoral and he is addressing the spiritual needs of his host country: he preaches about human rights but also about love and morality, about church unity, and respect for fellow men.

Vatican advisers acknowledge that the trips can have a political effect but church diplomacy should ensure it is even-handed, intelligently channelled towards reform rather than revolution.

However, when the Pope drops to his knees and kisses the tarmac after jetting into yet another host country, that welcoming kiss has come to resemble the kiss of death for unsteady authoritarian regimes.

Insiders and outsiders — Polish intellectuals, advisers to President Aquino of the Philippines (who will be received by the Pope next month) and church experts on Latin America and the Far East — all agree that the Pope's visits can mobilize discontented peoples (for example, in Chile and South Korea) and accelerate the demise of unpopular governments.

Particularly at risk are those authoritarian regimes that are already beginning to show cracks. They are often heavily indebted to the West, opposition groups are becoming more articulate, discontent is spreading from intellectuals to workers, and the church, at the grassroots level, is being sucked into the politial orbit.

The Pope's first visit to Poland showed the political potential of pilgrimages. For the first time in that communist state, millions of people were trekking across the country from city to city, sleeping rough under hedgerows and sharing an open, public contempt for the government which was predictably censoring the Pope's sermons. There was a sense of both spiritual and political power that overcame the traditional fear of the police.

A balance has to be struck between bolstering an unsavoury leader and giving the masses courage to fight for civil liberties. Especially in South America, the Pope has to encourage the church hierarchy, which of necessity has dealings with the government, while ensuring that ordinary clergymen do not get too far out of line in their opposition to a poverty-perpetuating leadership.

To liberation theologists, the Pope often gets it wrong, emerging more as a reactionary rather than a revolutionary.

But that is to be blinded by the diplomatic niceties that confront a travelling Pope. Should he appear on a balcony with General Pinochet? (Vatican answer: yes, if Pinochet is wearing civilian clothes and he lets the Pope tour the Santiago slums.) Should he bless the daughter of General Jaruzelski? (Vatican: yes, why not? The more converts the better.) Should he meet Chilean oppositionists? (Vatican: yes, privately, with the aim of urging on them peaceful political methods.)

The Vatican regards the Pope's trips as a kind of diplomatic broth in which more and more ingredients are added until the taste comes out about right. But the Pope himself has some very definite ideas about what should be changed in his host country and he can be as nakedly political as a presidential candidate.

In Chile, Cardinal Juan Fresno of Santiago has been negotiating with opposition groups and churchmen are coalescing the various dissident factions. While there, the Pope — who has criticized local priests for cooperating too closely with Marxists — ostentatiously met Chilean communists. His point was this: the church's role is not to overthrow governments, but to prepare the way for a peaceful transition. The leaders have to start imagining now a post-Pinochet Chile and a post-Chun Korea, otherwise everything will slip out of control.

The time fuse may of course be rather long. When the Pope visited the Ivory Coast and Zaire — two countries with high-risk leaderships which have not yet crumbled — the only immediate effect was to panic the avowedly Catholic leaders into marrying their mistresses. On the papal jet, he confessed to reporters that this was merely "the first fruit" of his African visit.

Roger Boyes

Robert Kilroy-Silk

No shame please, we're British

One thing needs to be said, and loudly: there is nothing wrong with being British. English even, and proud of it. There are some who would like us to think that it's a crime, but it is not. Nor, while we're at it, is there anything to be ashamed of or to apologize for in being a white Anglo/Saxon Protestant. Some would have us believe that there is, but there isn't.

The British have a fine culture that has contributed a great deal to the benefit of the rest of the world, and we should not let them forget it. Anyone with a sense of history or any discernment would try to ensure that the language, the values and all the rest that go to make up the culture are properly preserved and protected. After all, it's the only culture we have. It's the best that we can do. It's what we are. It represents us. It is our past as well as our present and the foundation of the future.

We should certainly not be ashamed of or disavow it. Yet we are expected to, and by the British — or at least a certain type of Briton, usually one fed on muesli, shod in sandals, housed in a fashionable Georgian house in the inner cities and employed by a local authority or some outpost of the race relations industry. They're the kind who insist on finding only shame in our history and horror in our past, who are disgusted by our values and scornful of our heritage.

Thus the parents who do not want their children educated in the predominantly Asian Headfield Middle School in Dewsbury and who, quite naturally and properly, wish them to have a Christian education with an emphasis on British cultural values, are made out to be racists. It's strange, to say the least, how only the British are made to feel foreigners in their own country. And they are. Only the British, it seems, are expected to relinquish their culture and jettison their heritage.

Other races are not treated in the same way. They are not expected to renounce their language and culture and to deny their religion. Nor should they be. They should be encouraged to retain them. They are. They receive large grants from local authorities and subsidies from the Arts Council to achieve this.

The irony is that they do not need this support. They're not under any real threat and they can, in any case, look after themselves. They have no inhibitions about insisting that their culture is superior to all others. They would not dream of diluting or compromising it. Jews, Arabs, French Americans, Muslims and Hindus — none think they are inferior to anyone else. They're properly proud of who and what they are and confident in their beliefs. They would never allow their religion to be relegated by others or their history to be ridiculed or their language downgraded, not in their schools here or in their own country.

So confident are other nationalities of their culture and religion that many insist, in Britain, on having their children educated not in multi-cultural schools à la Dewsbury and elsewhere but in strictly mono-cultural establishments of their own choice. Muslims have 13 schools in Britain, three of them in Dewsbury, and want more. Americans, French, Italians, Arabs, Jews, Catholics and all the rest can educate their children in schools that teach the culture, the values, the ethos and the religion of their own. As a British Muslim mother pointed out on BBC TV news, the Muslims want to ensure that their offspring are educated to speak Arabic, to know the Koran and to have respect for their elders.

That's fine. They are perfectly laudable objectives, for a Muslim. Imagine the uproar there would be if she was told it was not possible and that her child had to be educated in a multi-cultural school. Every paid-up radical in the country would have hogged the television screens and rampaged through the correspondence columns of *The Guardian* to denounce the perpetration of this racist discrimination.

But when white and black British parents say that they also have no time for multi-cultural education and want to retain their British identity it is they that are condemned as racists. Perhaps some of them are. It's possible. I don't know. What I do know, however, is that it is no more racist for white or Asian parents to want their children brought up in an English environment than it is for English Muslims to prefer their children to be taught Arabic. It is no more racist for the British, of whatever colour or origin, to want their own cultural norm and values inculcated in their kids than it is to want them versed in the Koran.

Why, then, has no one said all this? Why have the Dewsbury parents been left without powerful advocate or support? The answer is simple. As in so many areas of our national life we have all been indoctrinated for so long with our collective guilt and our sense of inferiority that when challenged we are instinctively on the defensive, immediately believe that we must be in the wrong and can no longer, certainly not in terms of race, tell the difference between right and wrong, still less know what we believe in and stand for.

Well, some things are clear: there is no need to abandon our culture in order to prove that we're not racists. That merely shows us to be shallow and unsure of ourselves. We can be anti-racist and pro-British.

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Michael Kinsley

Distinguishing the Democrats

Washington
Many within the Democratic Party believe that Senator Sam Nunn's decision not to run for the 1988 presidential nomination forecloses the party's last chance to avoid another self-immolation. Nunn, a responsible centrist from Georgia, realized he could not get the nomination (it is said) and therefore left it to a field of unimpressive ultra-liberals.

This development, the argument continues, symbolizes the Democrats' central problem (one which also afflicts Britain's Labour party): the nominating machinery is controlled by left-wing activists and special interest groups, and any leader it produces will be too far left to win an election. That is why the Democrats have lost four of the five presidential elections held since 1968.

This analysis comes from three sources. First, Southern whites, who think they are entitled to have one of their own on the Democratic ticket. Second, bogus Democrats who get a reputation for statesmanship by hanging out with Republicans, standing for nothing and counselling moderation. Third, and most important, the Washington punditocracy, including leading conservative sages whose concern for the health of the Democratic Party is, let us say, problematic.

Going back to 1960, the Democrats have lost four of seven presidential elections — almost a tie. Going back to 1952 the score is Republicans six, Democrats three, which looks pretty grim. But going back to 1932 it's Democrats eight, Republicans six. Even further back, the Republicans come out on top again. Unless you're very selective in your starting point, there's nothing in the historical pattern pointing to impending cataclysm for the Democrats.

Obviously the candidate makes a big difference. But the idea that Sam Nunn was a giant among the dwarfs is laughable. Nunn is an excellent senator but he has about as much charisma as a fish. If his political views are genuinely moderate, his political style is almost a parody of moderation. Thus Nunn as a politician illustrates the principle that centrism and moderation alone cannot generate effective political rallying cries.

There is no evidence that Nunn's views — closer to those of the Republican presidential candidates than to those of the other Democrats — are more saleable. The idea that the Democrats must nominate someone like Nunn or face oblivion is a con.

Nunn, like all the Republican candidates, favours continued aid to the Nicaraguan Contras. The American public is 59 per cent against. Contra backers insist that Americans would rally as soon as they learned where Nicaragua is exactly, and which side we're on. It hasn't happened.

The pundits would have it that all Democrats, apart from Nunn, risk appearing soft on defence. In fact, polls say that public support for President Reagan's defence build-up has evaporated across the board.

Nunn voted for a constitutional amendment to overturn Roe v Wade, the Supreme Court decision reversing anti-abortion laws. But polls show that most Americans favour legal abortion.

As for "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" — the derisive label for the eight announced or semi-announced Democratic candidates — only three could remotely be classified as flaming liberals (a preposterous image anyway): Congresswoman Pat Schroeder, black activist Jesse Jackson and Senator Paul Simon. The others all babble neo-liberally about economic growth and fiscal discipline. Their support among Democratic voters is small, ranging from 26 per cent for Jackson to 3 per cent for Senator Joe Biden.

Anyway, except for Vice-President George Bush, things are the same on the Republican side, ranging from Senator Robert Dole at 21 per cent to former Delaware governor Pierre S. DuPont at 2 per cent. And who would wish to argue that Bush's lead of 45 per cent reflects his ability to galvanize the electorate with his vision and charisma?

The great conservative slogan of a couple years ago was: "Let Reagan Be Reagan." Meaning: you'll just ruin his effectiveness if you try to turn a principled reactionary into a wishy-washy moderate. A sincere concern about the health of the opposition suggests a similar prescription: "Let Democrats be Democrats." There are lots of things wrong with the Democratic Party, but failure to be identical to the Republican Party is not among them.

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COOLING THE GULF WAR

As the UN Secretary General begins his talks in Tehran today on the first leg of yet another attempt to end the fighting in the Persian Gulf, the prospects for peace seem as remote as they have ever seemed. More than seven years after the conflict began there is scant evidence that either side is seriously interested in calling a halt.

Iran's initial sense of grievance over the Iraqi invasion is undiminished, even though the invasion itself was long ago repulsed. Iraq, for its part, has seen Iran deserted by erstwhile supporters, most recently by Libya, and will hope for its further isolation.

The single recent sliver of hope was UN Security Council Resolution No 598, supported by both superpowers, which called for a ceasefire and threatened an international arms embargo against whichever side demurred. The approval of Resolution 598 was accompanied by fine words from the two warring sides, an upsurge in the fighting and a recommencement of bombing. Only as Mr Perez de Cuellar set out on his mediation mission was the one condition for its taking place – a temporary armistice – half-heartedly observed.

Yet Mr Perez de Cuellar's four-day excursion to Tehran and Baghdad is the closest that peace has come for some time. Some therefore are already asking themselves the question (hitherto unnecessary) whether the abstract ideal of peace in the Gulf is really in their interests if it becomes reality. The question is a real one – and deserves an answer.

The years of war in the Persian Gulf have arguably brought certain benefits which might, in time, be missed. Since 1980 two undemocratic and potentially expansionist regimes have been weakened economically and possibly politically as well. Two countries that present a potential threat to Western interests in the region have been too preoccupied with their claims on each other to embark on too many adventures elsewhere.

Despite dire predictions about the effect of the Gulf hostilities on the price of oil, exports from the region have continued in general without interruption. Because each side needed to sell oil to sustain the war, production has remained relatively high.

From the point of view of Western interests, the perpetuation of the war is a source of embarrassment (and expense) to the Soviet Union. Not only does it divide Moscow from its chief ally in the Middle East, Syria, which still supports Iran, but it also poses an internal conflict of interests. Formally allied to Iraq, Moscow looks covetously at the natural wealth and strategic position of Iran. It cannot extricate itself from support for Iraq without discrediting itself as an ally. Nor can it favour a complete Iranian victory: Islamic fundamentalism is too great a threat to Soviet Central Asia and Afghanistan.

If it could be guaranteed that Iran and Iraq would continue to pursue their hostilities at much the present level, with no decisive victor, there might indeed be an argument – humanitarian considerations aside – for the world at large, and the West in particular, to leave well alone and let the two sides exhaust each other – and Soviet patience. Unfortunately, there can be no such guarantee.

That the war has not yet had a significant impact either on the security of the Middle East or on the Western economy does not mean that it will not in future. Kuwait's request earlier this summer that its ships sail under the US flag suggested that oil supplies were, for the first time, under serious threat. Now, the presence of so many navies in the Gulf, coupled with the Soviet interest in seeing an end to the war, suggests a belief on both sides of the East-West divide that the risk to stability in the region has increased.

With the greater foreign naval presence, the professed purpose of which is to safeguard oil supplies and freedom of navigation in the Gulf, has come another threat: that a conflict will be triggered in error, extending the war far beyond the two original antagonists. The Soviet Union has said repeatedly that it cannot view the large number of US ships in the region with equanimity, and recent Iranian bellicosity about Kuwait permits little confidence that a wider conflict can be avoided – without outside mediation.

In view of all the present uncertainties, the UN Secretary General's mission comes at an opportune time. With both superpowers evincing a desire to end the present conflict rather than start a new one, with the smaller Gulf states fearful of an extension of the war and with nearly 100 ships from seven separate countries in or approaching the waters of the Persian Gulf, it is time to reflect on the possible denouements.

Peace may not be possible between Iran and Iraq. Even if Mr Perez de Cuellar can help progress towards a more stable, "colder" war between them, he will be spending his time well.

BAD BLOOD

Britain's voluntary blood-donor service is one of those aspects of national life which, like the BBC and the bobby-on-the-beat, tends to be dignified with the title "envy of the world". Since it often turns out in practice that what is envied in this way is not necessarily enviable, we should be grateful to Dr John Cash, the medical director of the blood transfusion service in Scotland, for the strictures which we reported on our front page yesterday.

The system of donating blood to unknown recipients is what sociologists call a "gift relationship". It is not the only way of fuelling the blood transfusions that are necessary for surgery (commercial transactions are possible and, indeed, practised in many parts of the world) but it is an inherently civilized way of doing so.

For success, however, it clearly requires a number of relationships of trust. Those who give blood want their gift to be well used. Those who take it want the blood to be safe. Doctors want the right blood in the right place at the right time. It is this trust which, according to Dr Cash, has been lost by a "service which in truth is a series of tight compartments with little or no facility to work together".

He argues that the current system of management is wholly inappropriate for modern blood-transfusion practice, being "both wasteful and dangerous". He also describes the service in England and Wales as a "fragmented and disorganized shambles".

All of which provoked a rapid and strong denial yesterday from the Secretary of State for Social Services, Mr John Moore. The directors of some of the 14 regional transfusion centres also defended the system, accusing Dr Cash of inaccuracies, and sought to reassure the public that the nation's blood is safe in their hands.

Dr Cash's claims and criticisms deserve more detailed replies than that. He says there are chronic and occasionally serious shortages of blood in London and the Home Counties and severe shortages of related blood products throughout England and Wales.

There is, he says in a leading article in the *British Medical Journal*, widespread evidence of inappropriate supervision of the use of blood, of over-prescribing and under-prescribing, unnecessary exposure of patients to hazards, and waste of "precious, often irreplaceable, and costly resources." He says that regional transfusion centres are aware of severe shortages in adjacent centres but have no mechanism to give or receive help.

Behind these allegations lies the undisputed, uncomfortable fact that the service failed to protect haemophiliacs from the risk of Aids in the early days of the epidemic. About 1,200 of Britain's 7,700 haemophiliacs have been infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Of them, 57 have developed Aids and 41 of that number have died from the disease.

Most of those infected received contaminated Factor VIII, the blood-clotting agent essential for their condition, and most of that was purchased by the DHSS from commercial producers in the United States because Britain was not self-sufficient in such blood products. The Medical Research Council was expressing concern in 1974 about the inability of the British service to meet the needs of patients with haemophilia. In 1977, specialists in the condition were warning of the increasing demand for commercial Factor VIII and the higher risks from such products than from voluntarily-donated blood.

The Haemophilia Society is attempting to claim compensation. The DHSS's attitude is that it is for the sufferer to go to court and prove negligence. This is an intolerable position for the Governement to take. It is even more worrying in the light of Dr Cash's overall analysis.

The Department of Health and Social Security has carried out an investigation into the future operational managment of the service. We await its results with interest.

FOURTH LEADER

If you go down to the woods today, you'd better not go alone: the Teddy-Bears' Picnic has been called off, and they are all in a perfectly frightful paddy.

The trouble started when burglars broke into a factory where teddy-bears are made, and stole £30,000 worth. That, one might think, must represent an awful lot of bears, but these were not your common or garden bears: they were the talking kind. When pressed, they would make a short speech, presumably along the lines of "I generally take a little something about this time of the morning", or "Who's been sleeping in *my* bed?"

What the going rate might be for a talking teddy-bear that has fallen off the back of a lorry is hard to say. But things being hard to say are the essence of this story: when the thieves got their booty home and sampled a few of the contraband bears, they got a nasty shock. The bears were all speechless: it seems that they had been returned to the factory for repair of the talking mechanism, and it was while they were waiting their turn in the queue that the thieves struck.

Somewhere, there is a house, its blinds drawn, in which a band of robbers are debating night and day the best means of getting rid of a large number of talking teddy-bears which won't talk. After all, even the most gullible sucker, offered a talking bear at a knock-down price and no questions asked, would insist on asking *one* question, viz "What does it say?" And the sucker would put his wallet away if he couldn't have a demonstration.

They may try to repair the creatures themselves, but since there is no reason to suppose that the group includes a skilled bear-fixer, their efforts are likely to be more ridiculous than convincing, quite apart from the danger of one of the more absent-minded of the burglars programming the beasts with messages disrespectful to the police, which would inevitably arouse suspicion.

Meanwhile, the dumb animals sit in rows on shelves at the villains' headquarters, their solemn, piercing gaze a perpetual reproach. Under the pressure, the gang will sooner or later begin to crack, after which it will only be a matter of time before one of them turns informer, the whole pack are rounded up and sent to prison, the bereft owners of the teddy-bears reunited with their furry friends, and the postponed repairs carried out rapidly and successfully. But to mark the bears' adventures it is to be hoped that the repairers will fit a free extra message into the bears. Press teddy's tummy, child, and you will hear him say, "Who's been doing *my* porridge?"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reassurance on coastal floods

From Dr David Pugh

Sir, Some of your coastal readers, alarmed by the report of the British Association meeting, "Huge tides threaten to engulf Britain . . ." (August 28), may welcome some qualification.

Globally, sea levels have varied by hundreds of metres over geological times, but have been relatively stable since the end of the last ice age some 10,000 years ago. Tide gauge measurements over the past 100 years show a general increase relative to the land of 0.10 – 0.15m. Part of this increase is attributed to glacier melting and part to slight warming and thermal expansion of the oceans.

Increases in the south-east of England are about 0.3m because the land is also sinking gradually. Conversely, the relative sea level rise is reduced in the north-west of Scotland because increasing sea levels are offset by gradual land uplift.

The problem facing scientists is the prediction of probable changes over the next 100 years. Extrapolation of present trends is inadequate because of the "greenhouse effect" and projected global warming. On the basis of air temperature increases of perhaps 2°C, best estimates suggest a global sea level increase of around 1m.

However, our ability to make better predictions depends on understanding the factors involved: the greatest unknown is the extent of Antarctic ice melting. We cannot assess the likelihood of a catastrophic and irreversible break-up of the west Antarctica ice sheet.

The UK is taking a lead in setting up a global network to monitor changes and the international Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level operates from the NERC Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory on Merseyside.

Your article explained that rapid increases of sea level have economic and social implications. *Times* readers may properly feel concerned. But alarmed? Not yet.

Yours faithfully,
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National Environment
Research Council,
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Wormley, Surrey.
September 10.

Social mores

From Mr A. H. P. Humphrey

Sir, I respectfuly submit that your statement, "Britain is, like it or not, a multi-cultural society" (second leader, September 7), is not true and obscures the issue. Britain, like it or not, has a multi-cultural population, but that is another matter.

The question is whether a population which includes peoples of different cultures should merge into one multi-cultural society or be free to remain as separate cultural societies each with their own customs and their own educational, religious and other institutions.

In other countries attempts to improse one social mode of life on a multi-cultural population have led to revolt and bloodshed.

Yours faithfully,
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Worthing, Sussex.
September 8.

Party names

From Mrs H. G. Carden

Sir, Having read your article in this morning's paper – "Labour starts rethink over election failure"(September 9) – it occurs to me that now the Labour Party are contemplating changing just about everything for which they previously stood in order to attract voters, why not change their name. They say they wish to attract "groups of women and young people". I wonder if they realise that "Labour" has very depressing connotations for most women, and I am sure also for young people, however hard they work.

Changing their emblem appears to have done little to attract votes, so why not try a change of name, or would this be a sign of desperation?

Yours faithfully,
H. G. CARDEN,
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Dene Road,
Northwood, Middlesex.

Debatable point

From Mr Julian Critchley, MP for Aldershot (Conservative)

Sir, Why has M Jean-Marie Le Pen been invited to speak to the Tories at Blackpool (Diary, September 7, 11) when we could have had M Pierre Poujade?

Yours etc,
JULIAN CRITCHLEY,
House of Commons.

Chemical dangers

From Mr Jeff Cooper

Sir, Regarding the letter from Ms Rahner (September 7) on the safe disposal of pesticides and other types of dangerous household waste, the London Waste Regulation Authority operates a hazardous-waste collection service for the whole of London. It is free to all householders in the Greater London area (telephone, 928 9988).

Yours faithfully,
JEFF COOPER (Waste Reduction Officer),
London Waste Regulation Authority,
The County Hall, SE1.
September 7.

Anxiety over religious studies

From the Reverend Dr P. H. E. Thomas

Sir, Concern over the proposed status of religious studies as a non-foundational subject in Mr Baker's national curriculum goes deeper than just an anxiety about the place of religion in our schools (letter, September 5).

I am personally supportive of most attempts to promote religious values, and Christianity in particular, but that is not a primary task in the teaching of religion. Religious studies essentially seeks to promote an understanding of the religious behaviour of mankind. It is a humanistic discipline.

Religion occupies a central place in so many of the issues which occupy our attention today. The Iran-Iraq conflict and the divisions in Sri Lanka; the revolutionary climate in Nicaragua, the Philippines or southern Africa; the quest for national identity in Turkey or Israel; fundamentalist tendencies in Islam and Christianity and humanising trends in Marxist societies, such situations can only be appreciated if the religious factors involved are taken seriously.

Putting religious studies on the periphery of our educational system represents not just an indifference to religion. It signals a refusal to understand.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP H. E. THOMAS,
The Vicarage,
East Green, Heighington,
Darlington, Co. Durham.

From Mr Timothy Kidd

Sir, Your correspondent (September 5) is right to be "gravely concerned" about the impact of the proposed national curriculum on religious studies. To exclude religion as a foundation subject may appear surprising, but to omit "moral teaching" defies belief.

At a time when (we are told) our prisons overflow, crime rates are soaring, OAPs are being battered, yet "short, sharp shock treatment" of offenders seems to be failing, is there not an overwhelming case for the practical requirement for morals and religion in education?

Maths, science and language are properly identified as important, but we should not ignore the Duke of Wellington's warning that to educate children without religion is to produce clever devils!

Yours sincerely,
TIMOTHY KIDD,
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Grantham, Lincolnshire.
September 6.

Classics heritage

From Mr F. Hugh Eveleigh

Sir, How poignant the latinism, *sermo datur cunctis, animi sapientia paucis* (language is given to all, wisdom to few), is when related to the Government-proposed national curriculum for schools and to its effect on classics in particular. If the curriculum is carried as it at present stands there will be but a future handful of research students able to interpret the statement's (unintentional) irony. Alas, too late by then.

If classics and other minority subjects are to survive, the *core* curriculum must be reduced to 70 – 75 per cent of the whole, thus leaving a decent time in which to study the classics, a second foreign language, other minority subjects. The Government has not perceived the consequences of its proposals: they are too little thought out.

Our classical heritage is at stake and we have until September 30 (when representations from interested persons/bodies must be lodged with the DES) to protest. Only days in which to protect the heritage of thousands of years.

Yours sincerely,
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Bath, Avon.
September 8.

British Telecom

From Dr James Andrews

Sir, Mr Tony Dawe's review (September 8) on the present inadequacies of British Telecom does not mention British Telecom's unwillingness to state on their accounts whether one is being charged as a residential or business subscriber.

Because the charges for individual items vary from year to year it is almost impossible to ascertain which rate is being charged; for instance, many doctors, amongst others, are being charged wrongly as business subscribers for their home telephones, without their knowledge.

All subscribers should know the classification of their line and this could be done with the minimum amount of effort on the part of British Telecom.

Yours sincerely,
J. ANDREWS,
Thames Side, Felix Lane,
Shepperton, Middlesex.
September 8.

om Ms Ann Carlisle

Sir, On a recent visit to Cornwall I was eager to visit the British Telecom Earth Station at Goonhilly. The soundless satellite dishes rising from rough heathland were a stark but impressive sight. Equally impressive the calm of the operational control area, the nerve-centre of Goonhilly, monitoring in minute detail the dishes outside silently and untiringly transmitting and receiving signals over distances in excess of 22,000 miles.

Goonhilly, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, lays claim to many "firsts": first to pioneer open-dish antenna design, first to receive live television pictures from America, Australia, Canada and Japan, and first to transmit colour television pictures via satellite. Well done Britain! In its celebratory brochure British Telecom's description of Goonhilly as an "enduring tribute to modern technology" is one I would certainly have been inclined to agree with if I hadn't visited the visitors' exhibition hall. There, both satellite television receivers were on the blink, denying intrigued visitors the chance to see the technology in action, one of the video screens was broken, and the facsimile machines were "temporarily out of order".

As I left Goonhilly under the shadow of number 1 antenna, the largest, I passed a British Telecom phone box. Thankfully, I had no one to call!

Yours faithfully,
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Department of Office Technology
and Administration,
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September 2.

From Mr Philip Goddard

Sir, British Telecom may be grappling with an inefficient and outmoded mechanical metering system, but if I were a merchant banker I would be keeping a pretty close eye on my 16 telex lines myself: it would be with the greatest of reluctance that I would pay £31,000, plus consultancy fee, to an "analyst" for telling me that the bill for one of my lines had suddenly and inexplicably jumped by £62,000 (report, September 9).

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP GODDARD,
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Credit card policy

From the Director of the Scottish Consumer Council

Sir, Bernard Levin (August 24) wonders why the Scottish Consumer Council is making a fuss about the Bank of Scotland replacing its cheque guarantee card with a Visa card.

We are actually in favour of the Bank of Scotland offering their customers a Visa card to replace their cheque guarantee card. But we and many others were offended by the "sleekit way" that the bank insinuated that cheque guarantee cards were no longer available and that customers had to have the new card.

We want people to have a choice, and this means being given proper information. Not only are customers being told they must have a Visa card, they are not being told about the risks.

The two uses of the card – credit card and cheque guarantee card – cannot be kept entirely separate. If the card is stolen, the cheque card is useless without a chequebook, but the thief, presumably not feeling bound by the cardholder's self-denying ordinance, may use it as a credit card, and the customer has to pay the first £50.

Finally, Bernard Levin does not allow for the fact that many people do not wish to have credit cards. Some irresponsible abusers of credit decide to cut up all their cards. Should they once again be required to carry around a credit card to guarantee their cheques?

Yours sincerely,
PETER GIBSON, Director,
Scottish Consumer Council,
314 St. Vincent Street,
Glasgow.
September 9.

Water music

From Mr G. D. Heath

Sir, To add to the flood of replies to Dr Eric Chamberlain's letter (September 4) about the use of hydraulic power for organ blowing, the use of hydraulic power to blow the organ of the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace was proposed in November, 1900.

The then Grand Junction Water Works Company, of Hampton, fully approved of the idea. A hydraulic engine was connected to the company's main and came into use in April, 1902. It was pointed out that the water company's charge would be offset by the saving of the organ blower's stipend of about £6 a year.

Yours faithfully,
G. D. HEATH,
77 Broad Lane,
Hampton, Middlesex.

From Mr Gareth Morris

Sir, During my tenure as principal boat boy at St John's Church, Clevedon, Somerset (c. 1927-1929) the organ there was blown by a water-powered engine. The organist at that time was my mother. A woman of devout beliefs, she was not blessed with any understanding of mechanical contrivances and at the elaborate ceremonial on the highest feast days was wont to pull out all the stops.

The unfortunate engine in the bowels of the organ invariably succumbed at the loudest climax of my mother's triumphant performance; it had to be encouraged to renew its efforts by a churchwarden. During his descent through a trapdoor beneath the organ seat my mother could be head apologizing: "I *am* sorry: wretched thing: thank you *so* much".

I rang up the vicar today. He told me that the organ was converted to electricity many years ago, and they use Rite A there now.

Yours faithfully,
GARETH MORRIS,
4 West Mall, Clifton, Bristol, Avon.
September 4.

Foreign wheat raises costs

From the Director of the Federation of Bakers

Sir, With reference to Mr Pexton's letter (September 10), it is misleading to relate the ex-farm price of grain directly to the price of bread.

The baker requires a very good quality flour with a high protein content to produce a satisfactory loaf. The millers, therefore, need very high quality wheat to mill flour strong enough for bread-making.

It is a fact that when the UK harvest is poor, millers have to import expensive foreign wheats to meet the bakers' requirements. Since flour forms the highest proportion of the cost of a loaf of bread, any significant increase in the cost of flour is likely to affect the eventual price of bread to the consumer.

In addition, the baker faces other costs: labour, distribution, operation of the ovens, fuel and the administration needed to ensure that fresh bread is delivered daily to all parts of the country. The current average price of a large, sliced and wrapped white loaf in large stores is 38p. It was 38p in January, 1986, and since January, 1981, has increased by less than 20 per cent compared with an increase in the rate of inflation of over 30 per cent.

Yours sincerely,
ANTHONY CASDAGLI,
Director,
The Federation of Bakers,
20 Bedford Square, WC1.
September 10.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 12 1866

Later accounts of this, the most famous of the China tea races, gave 11 clippers competing and reported that although the Taeping was first into London docks, Ariel, the favourite to win among the Chinese, reached the Downs in the lead by 10 minutes. Fiery Cross finished fourth, 28 hours later

THE GREAT SHIP RACE FROM CHINA.

The truly marvellous race between the fleet of China clipper ships from Foo-chow-foo for the premium offered by the London brokers for the first season's teas, and their almost neck-and-neck struggle during the whole voyage of upwards of 16,000 miles, is an event exciting a vast amount of interest in almost every maritime port, both at home and abroad. It appears there were nine ships engaged in the contest, and not five as previously reported . . .

The Equator was passed – Fiery Cross, 6 p.m. on the 4th of August and Ariel on the 5th.

On the 9th of August, in lat. 12 20 N., the Fiery Cross signalled the Taeping, and continued in company till the 17th, with wind variable and light. In lat. 27 52, long. 36 54 W., a fresh breeze sprang up, and took the Taeping out of sight from the Fiery Cross in four or five hours. The Fiery Cross was becalmed, and was not making one knot per hour for 24 hours. This circumstance is alleged to have lost her the race . . .

The Ariel and Taeping, which had lost sight of each other for 70 days, found themselves on Wednesday morning, at 8 o'clock, off the Lizard, running neck and neck up the Channel under every stitch of canvas that could be set, with a strong westerly wind. During the whole day the two ships kept their position, dashing up the Channel side by side in splendid style, sometimes almost on their beam ends, every sea sweeping their decks. On approaching the pilot station off Dungeness the next morning they each fired blue lights to signalize their positions. At daybreak the pilots boarded them at the same moment, and the race was continued in the same exciting manner till they arrived in the Downs, where they both took steamtugs to tow them to the river. The ships had to shorten sail to enable the tugs coming up and picking up the hawsers to take them in tow. This was about 8 o'clock a.m., the tugs starting almost simultaneously, and both ships still neck and neck. The Taeping, however, was fortunate enough to have a superiority in the power of steamtugs, and reached Gravesend some time before the Ariel. The Serica followed closely upon them. She passed Deal at noon, and got into the river with the same tide which carried the Taeping and Ariel up the river to the docks, when the result of this extraordinary race was declared to be as follows:—

Taeping, docked in London Docks, 9 45 p.m. ... 1

Ariel, docked in East India Dock, 10 15 p.m. ... 2

Serica, docked in West India Docks, 11 30 p.m. ... 3

. . . During the past few days the excitement occasioned by the probability of the arrival of the first ship in this great annual ocean race from China was unprecedented. The friends of each vessel have been supporting their favourite by betting considerable sums. During no previous year has so much interest been centred in the result of this race . . .

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 11: The Princess Royal today visited Rosyth Dockyard where Her Royal Highness rededicated HMS Jersey (Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Commander M. Butcher, RN).

*Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received at Royal Air Force Turnhouse by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Dr John McKay, the Right Hon the Lord Provost) and at Rosyth Dockyard by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Fife (Colonel Sir John Gilmour, Bt).

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 11: The Duchess of Kent today visited the Isles of Scilly and presented a 150th Anniversary Vellum to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's Station Branch at St Mary's.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Alan Henderson.

The Princess Royal will open the new housing development by the Spiral Housing Association for adults suffering from cerebral palsy in Harborne, Birmingham, on October 13, and will open the Centre for the Blind and Partially Sighted in Walsall.

The Duchess of Gloucester has become Patron-in-Chief of Foster Parents Plan (UK).

James Tolhurst

Select the best of new insights

Familiarity does not necessarily breed contempt. It may breed a sense of wretched resignation. We have for so long become used to the idea of dissenting faith that we have become inured to it.

J.G. Farrell pictures the padre in his *Siege of Krishnapur* like a threatened farmer in the grip of a ruthless marauder of the chicken run "in which his certitudes perched like fat chickens were carried off by ones and twos in the jaws of rationalism and despair".

The success of rationalism depends largely on both the unwillingness of people to recognize its true nature and on their inability to offer a vibrant alternative. The patient is normally aware that there is something not quite right with his health, but he does not want to surrender himself to the physician.

In the same way the Christian senses that the core of his faith is gradually being eroded but shrinks from the consequences of this discovery. It is the very opposite of Francis Thompson:

Yet was I sore adread
Lest, having Him, I must have nought beside.

For if our faith is beginning to go we really do have nought beside.

It is this underlying fear which grips so many in high places and is relentlessly played upon by those who are gradually removing what the late Dr Robinson inelegantly called the baggage of our faith from its place in the rather cluttered storeroom of the heart of the people who make up the vast majority of the church.

They fear that revealing the extent of the depredation will further undermine the health of the local parishioner when there is the hope that a miracle drug will counteract the damage.

The analogy is not altogether incorrect because the erosion of faith is not some passing climatic disturbance. It has been known under various names: heresy, rationalism, liberalism, but we can understand the characteristic of each if we compare them to a virus which is incapable of independent life and reproduces itself by borrowing the machinery of the cells it infects.

Because it apes the host on which it feeds, it presents unique difficulties both as regards diagnosis and eventual treatment. We dare not intervene too radically or we accelerate the process of destruction. All too often there is a sense of impotence as the health of the body deteriorates beyond the point of recovery.

At the same time we can learn about the nature of rationalism and its partner, heresy. In his Fifteenth University Sermon preached in 1843, John Henry Newman remarked that "heresy denies to the church what is wanting in itself". Part of the impact of rationalism stems from its *blitzkrieg* effectiveness as contrasted with the rambling progress of Orthodoxy. We are mesmerized by the brilliance of the tactics which divert us from the substance of the argument.

It is not sufficient for rationalism to demonstrate a capacity to knock down the opposition with apparently ridiculous ease, nor to dazzle the audience with theological pyrotechnics. We are entitled to ask whether the argument itself has lasting quality.

If a virus has any chance of success, it must possess a life of its own to invade the host in the first place. Newman argues in his sermon that heresy is basically incapable of reproduction and development. On the surface it may seem to throb with life, but it will not bear fruit.

It is not so much the question of the attack itself on the orthodox faith which is at stake, but the long-term implications. We are entitled to ask what benefit will rationalist theories bring when they are already malignant, and ultimately doomed to failure.

"Test everything", we are told, "and hold fast to what is good" (I Thes 5:21). We must not presume that everything we are offered as attractive alternatives to orthodox faith should somehow be excused from examination. If it claims to offer a better way forward then it must compete for our loyalty, instead of celebrating its victory.

It is pointless to peer out over the battlements in the hope that salvation will come before the inevitable end because if rationalism is not the answer, then we are avoiding Scylla for Charybdis. We need both to recognize the questionability of rationalistic arguments and the capacity of orthodox faith to answer them.

It may be unkind to pay tribute to the onslaughts of heterodoxy which makes theologians earn their keep in their task of renewing the faith!

It is precisely because our faith does not stand still that we lay ourselves open to being undermined. If we always rose to the demands that the Holy Spirit makes on us, in leading the church into the fulness of truth, we would have already developed a new and more vital synthesis which would be more than a match for any rationalism.

As it is, heterodoxy often has to prompt the church in the direction of development of doctrine. The mistake that rationalist theorists always make is to ignore the possibility of development. They shrink from any real link with their roots, as if there is no past:

And where the Land she travels from?
Away
Far, far behind, is all that they can say.

Any true development in doctrine must build on what has gone before and select from the best of the new insights in order to advance.

Instead of contemplating mourning for a departing faith, we need to accept the need for a certain theological *perestroika* so that instead of the decades of questioning whic has ended in a general *ecclesiastica anaemia* we should identify the heart of the rationalist argument and start to draw out a new synthesis from the depth of orthodox faith.

The writer is Roman Catholic parish priest of St Mary Cray, Kent.

OBITUARY

WOLFGANG FORTNER

Composer of Germany's troubled times

Wolfgang Fortner, prolific German composer, and teacher, has died at the age of 79.

He grew up in the Protestant church music tradition of Leipzig, his birthplace, and several of his earliest works were settings of sacred texts. As a teacher, he was held in high regard, and his pupils included many of the German composers who came to prominence after 1950, among them Henze.

He reached full maturity only after the Second World War, and was written of as one who had "truly portrayed the destiny of his time in his work".

Wolfgang Fortner was born on October 12, 1907, and began composing at the age of eleven. He studied, at the conservatory in Leipzig, with Grabner (composition) and Straube (organ), and at the university with Theodor Kroyer (musicology).

The first of his works for the music theatre, which include seven operas, several ballets, an operetta, and incidental music for the stage, was an opera for school-children, *Cress ertrinkt* (Cress is Drowned), written in 1930.

Also in that year his first *string quartet* had its première at the German Musicians' Festival at Königsberg.

In 1931, he was appointed to teach composition and music at the Heidelberg Institute of Church Music. There, in 1935, he founded the Heidelberg Chamber Orchestra; and, in 1947, the Musica Viva concerts. Later, in 1964, on the death of Hartmann, he took over the direction of the original Musica Viva series of concerts in Munich.

In 1954, he was appointed professor of composition at the north west German State Academy of Music, Detmold. There he remained for the next three years, when he moved to a similar post at the State High School for Music, Freidburg, where he remained for the next fifteen years.

Fortner was much influenced by the polyphonic Baroque tradition created by Bach and continued by Reger, whose pupil, Hermann Grabner, taught Fortner. It determined his penchant for church music, though secondary influences were Stravinsky and Hindemith.

It was not until after the war that he took wholeheartedly to the idiom of the Viennese Atonal School. He later confessed that much of the work written to command during the Nazi period had been of little aesthetic value.

His new style made its appearance in his only symphony, in 1947. Conceived under the experiences of the German collapse, it succeeds in conveying a sense of tragedy and spiritual upheaval.

He also came under the influence of Machaut and Webern, and adopted some of the conventions of jazz composition. He exerted much influence both as a teacher and as a composer through his support of contemporary music activities.

Fortner began composing for the stage in 1949, the year of his ballet, *Die weisse Rose* (White Rose), after Oscar Wilde's *The Birthday of the Infanta*, and which he rewrote as an orchestral suite in 1951.

In 1954 came *Die Bluthochzeit* (The Forest, after Lorca), originally a television opera; in 1957, the lyrical tragedy of *Blood Wedding*, staged for the opening of the new Cologne Opera House; and, in 1962, *Don Perlimplin*, again after Lorca.

Two subsequent operas attracted considerable attention for their musical ingenuity and original demands on the human voice: *Elisabeth Tudor* (1972), a study of the political struggle between Elizabeth I and Mary Queen of Scots; and *That Time* (1977), based on a Beckett playlet, for a silent actor, a female narrator, soprano, mezzo, and baritone, and for guitar, harpsichord and live electronic accompaniment.

Notable among the works in between were a fantasia on the notes b-a-c-h (in the German notation) for the Bach Year (1950).

MR PATRICK BOWMAN

Mr Patrick Bowman, FBIM, who died on September 6, aged 71, was a leading figure in management consultancy since its infancy after the last war.

He was among the first to make it a more general and more widely embracing concern; and during his many years with PA (formerly, Personnel Administration) Consultants Ltd., he oversaw the knitting together of a worldwide organization.

Thomas Patrick Bowman was born on September 25, 1915. He was educated at Oundle School and at Hertford College, Oxford, where he graduated in economics.

His first job, in 1937, was with the industrial engineering division of Thomas Hedley & Co. (now, Proctor & Gamble). He then joined, in 1945, the PA Consulting Group and had much to do with the setting up of the company's first overseas centre, Australia.

By 1956, he was managing director of the UK company, going on to become, first, international managing director (1961) and then chairman (1966 to 1974).

He oversaw the company's steady expansion overseas and the setting up of its technology and science centre (now, PA Technology) at Cambridge, in 1969.

Away from the office he held a varied of posts. He was chairman of the UK Management Consultants Association; a founder and fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants; President of the European Federation of Management Consultants; and a member of the Monopolies Commission (1969-72) and of the CBI Council (1970-4).

After his retirement, in 1974, he channelled his energies into his directorship of the *London Guardian* newspaper group, and launched two news sheets in his local area, Wimbledon.

Bowman was a leader who led from the front, shrewdly and toughly. Those who worked with him will always feel, over their shoulders, his strong presence still — reminding them about high standards and the centrality of money in business.

His concern for colleagues whom misfortune had weakened, completed his unique blend of toughness and sympathy and made him an endearing and civilized man.

His wife, Norma, whom he married in 1950, survives him with their son.

CANON CYRIL MUDFORD

Canon Cyril Mudford, faithful servant of the Anglican Church, died recently at the age of 90.

He was Archdeacon of The Gambia (1942-8) and of Msoro (1960-6), and for many years an honorary canon of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Lusaka, Zambia.

The Bishop of Fulham writes:

Educated at Bedford School and at King's College, Cambridge, most of Fr Mudford's ministry was spent in obscure places on the African continent, living frugally on a negligible stipend.

Six years in inland Gambia was followed, in 1948, by eighteen years at Msoro in the Luangwa Valley of Eastern Zambia.

He was, at heart, a priest-educationist, at home with the young throughout his long life, and had served as assistant chaplain at his old school (1922-5) and then chaplain of St John's College, Johannesburg (1934-8).

I was posted to Msoro in 1963 as an assistant priest, and I shall never forget the fast and bumpy ride down the track leading to the impressive church and outbuildings which came upon me as a surprise in such a wild landscape. Coming straight from London, I did feel that I was in the darkest part of Africa that it was possible to be.

But, at Msoro, I found an efficient centre for a network of parishes up and down the valley, and a system of church primary schools. There were very few government schools, and Fr Mudford worked wholeheartedly and with determination to make the schools the best they could be on the limited resources available.

He started a vocational school for particularly gifted boys, many of whom now occupy prominent positions in Zambia.

At the age of 70, he married. He and his wife, Marjorie, then ministered in parishes in the Southern Province of Zambia, before retiring to Spain.

But it was hardly retirement, for after moving into their cottage near Javea, on the Costa Blanca, he discovered that there were living around many retired people of the Anglican persuasion.

With the permission of local ecclesiastical authorities, he was allowed to use an ancient hermitage chapel outside their village and it was not long before there were over 120 communicants on a Sunday. Before they returned to England two years ago, it was possible to appoint a permanent chaplain.

Last year Canon Mudford preached at the church in Chesterfield which he had built as a curate in the 1930, so he founded parishes at the beginning and the end of his ministry.

He and his wife made a delightful partnership. To be alert, energetic and over 90 is remarkable in itself, and they never seemed to be "old people" at all.

But, above all, we shall remember Fr Mudford as a most devoted priest of the Church, constant in the disciplined devotional life of the Anglo-Catholic tradition in which he lived throughout his ministry.

MISS MEGAN FOSTER

Miss Megan Foster, the singer, died recently at the age of 89.

Born at Tonypandy, in the Welsh valleys, in 1898, she was the daughter of the baritone, Ivor Foster. She won a scholarship to St Paul's Girls' School and, on leaving, took up a musical career under her father's guidance.

At the age of eighteen, she accompanied him to sing to the troops on the Western Front, and they were both invited on occasion to sing at soirées at Downing Street in Lloyd-George's time.

For the next ten years she steadily made her name as a versatile singer in many languages — especially of folk songs. She had an especial mastery of French.

In 1926, she married Commander Jack Spooner, DSO, RN, then Superintendent of the dockyard in Gibraltar. An outstanding amateur pianist himself, he liked to accompany his wife.

For the next sixteen years, while carrying on her singing career as best she could, Miss Foster entered fully into the life of a naval wife. This culminated in her husband's appointment, in 1941, three months before the Japanese entered the war, as Flag Officer, Malaya.

After his death, in 1942, she again took up her singing career. She became best known as an interpreter of French songs, second only, perhaps, to Dame Maggie Teyte, who was at the time very much her mentor. She gave several recitals at the Wigmore Hall and broadcast frequently on the BBC.

She turned, finally, to teaching song and musical interpretation at the Guildhall School of Music.

She is survived by a son.

BILL BOWES

Mr D. E. Goode writes:

The late Bill Bowes (obituary, September 7) was a fine bowler and a very kindly man. But my abiding memory of him is a match between Surrey and Yorkshire at the Oval about 1933.

Jack Hobbs — who was just past his 50th birthday — was well set (he went on to make 90-odd) when Bowes decided to try a few bumpers from the Pavilion end.

He was heartily booed by the crowd, but we all cheered like mad when Jack hooked one of the bumpers for six in front of the Gasometer.

Mr Bernard Y. (Bernie) Wickstrom, editor of the *Zephyrhills News* for 27 years, died on September 10, aged 58.

He first sat in the editor's chair five years after his parents bought the paper; and last year he was named "Zephyrhills Citizen of the Year".

COL PHILIP PARDOE

Colonel Philip Pardoe, persistent wartime "escaper" and, afterwards, military attaché, died on September 1. He was 68.

He was a professional soldier, commissioned in the 60th Rifles just before the war. He was captured at Calais in 1940.

He escaped three times — he was a great tunneller — but was re-captured each time. He ended up in Colditz. There, he had a hand in constructing the celebrated glider which the seasoned escapers of the castle built and hid under the roof.

He reached the rank of colonel in 1965. His last post was as military attaché at the embassy in Buenos Aires, with duties encompassing four South American countries.

On retiring from the Army in 1969, he was appointed a Gentleman of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms. Royal ceremonial, therefore, filled his last years — increasingly so last year, when he held the post of Harbinger of the Corps.

He is survived by his wife, Rolline, a son and a daughter.

Mr Toddie Lee Wynne, jun., Texas oilman, died in Dallas on September 10. He was 62.

He was a founding partner of the Dallas Cowboys football team and a founder of Space Services Inc., which launched the first private space rocket, off Texas' Matagorda Island, in 1982.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.P.H. Newton
and Miss J.L. Rymer
The engagement is announced between George, only son of Sir Michael and Lady Newton, of Axminster, Devon, and Jane, twin daughter of Mr John Rymer and Mrs Margaret Rymer, of Driffield, East Yorkshire.

Mr J.A. Axford
and Miss S.H. Gillies
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr R.A. Axford and Mrs Y.S. Axford, of London, SW11, and Sarah Harborough, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.C. Gillies, of Arundel, Sussex.

Mr R.J.N. Aylmer-Hall
and Miss T.J.C. Boal
The engagement is announced between Richard John Nepean, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.M.N. Aylmer-Hall, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Tracy-Jane Caron, elder daughter of Mr J.H. Boal, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Mrs V.P. Jago, of Hale, Hampshire.

Mr D.J. Bennett-Baggs
and Miss H.J.G. Stow
The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Bennett-Baggs, of Taunton, Somerset, and Henrietta Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Stow, of Marlborough and Goring-on-Thames.

Mr N.A.S. Brand
and Miss J. Hurse
The engagement is announced between Nicholas Adam Slocombe, second son of Dr and Mrs S. Brand, of Toorak, Melbourne, Australia, and Judith, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs S.R. Hurse, of Carisbrook, Victoria.

Mr R.D. Forsyth
and Miss S.K. Wilcockson
The engagement is announced between Robert, only son of Mrs Muriel Maby, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Sally Kate, younger daughter of Mr Ian Wilcockson, of Bletchingley, Surrey, and Mrs Susan Wilcockson, of Storrington, West Sussex.

Mr D.A. Foxall
and Mrs I.M. de Burgh-Thomas
The marriage will shortly take place between Dennis Foxall, of Goodleigh, Devon, and Irona de Burgh-Thomas, of Bath.

Flight Lieutenant J.C.P. Martin, RAF Regt
and Flight Lieutenant P.A. Riseley-Prichard, RAF
The engagement is announced between John, son of Dr J. Martin and the late Mrs Martin, of Cheam, Surrey, and Philippa, daughter of Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs R.A. Riseley-Prichard, of Allington, Devizes, Wiltshire.

Mr S.D. Moore
and Miss C.L. Elms
The engagement is announced between Simon, twin son of Mr and Mrs William Moore, of Ockley, Surrey, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Elms, of Albury, Surrey.

Mr L. Patterson
and Mrs S. Mulraney
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place on October 22, of Lindsay Patterson, of Gosworthy, Totnes, and Shirley Mulraney, née Wilkinson, of Modbury, Devon.

Lieutenant M.S. Pike, RN
and Second Officer C.M. Frey, WRNS
The engagement is announced between Martin Stephen, elder son of Mr and Mrs Cyril Pike, of Shirley, Southampton, and Christine Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Frey, of Acton, London.

Marriages

Mr E. Koops
and the Hon M.C. Hogg
A service of blessing was held yesterday in the Crypt Chapel of the Palace of Westminster, after the marriage of Mr Eric Koops, eldest son of Mr and Mrs L. Koops, of East Sussex, and the Hon Mary Claire Hogg, eldest daughter of Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, CH, and the late Mary Lady Hailsham of St Marylebone and stepdaughter of Lady Hailsham of St Marylebone. The Rev Richard McLaren officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Raleigh Gilbert, Elizabeth Hoare, Miss Geraldine Beatty, Miss Amanda Koops and Miss Charlotte Hogg. Mr Ian Taylor, MP, was best man.

A reception was held in the Royal Gallery, House of Lords, by permission of the Queen, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr M. Lim
and Miss J.A. Darroch
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 5, at St Anne's Church, Turton, Bolton, between Mr Michael Lim, only son of Mr and Mrs H.B. Lim, of Chingford, London, and Miss Jane Alison Darroch, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Darroch, of Bromley Cross, Bolton. The Rev John Daulman officiated.

A reception was held at The Georgian House, Blackrod, Manchester Road, Lancashire.

Mr R.C.G. Shuckburgh
and Miss M.I. Evans
The marriage took place quietly at Shuckburgh Hall, Daventry, on September 5, between Mr R.C.G. Shuckburgh and Miss M.I. Evans.

Memorial service

Colonel E.A. Loftus
A memorial service for Colonel Ernest Achey Loftus was held at St Margaret's, Barking, Essex, yesterday. The Bishop of Barking officiated, assisted by the Rev Patrick Blair. Mr Alan Morgan Loftus and Mr Richard Anthony Loftus read the lessons. The Bishop of Barking gave an address.

A fair way to carry art to the boardroom

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Sale Room Correspondent

Lorraine Hall and Debbie Carlton pose beside one of the sculptures at Art '87, their huge new art fair at the Business Design Centre in Islington, north London.

Convinced that the time has come to persuade the business world to buy contemporary art, the two women have risked their time and money in staging the event in the former Royal Agricultural Hall.

Their aim is to persuade British businessmen to follow the example of their American, Japanese and German counterparts, who have brought art into boardrooms and offices in a big way. The fair carries displays from 39 galleries throughout Britain.

"We know there's a gap in the market", says Miss Hall, who canvassed 20,000 business people - designers, architects, city institutions and stock brockers - before putting on the event.

"We discovered that eight out of ten companies have no one responsible for buying art. The investment bankers, Kleinwort Benson, said they did not have one piece of art in the building, although they are very active in arts sponsorship".

Having had 14 years' experience running conferences, most notably at the Barbican, Miss Hall is prepared to persevere if the City is reluctant to respond this time round: "We regard this as a long term project, and do not expect to make money in the first year".

The fair is patronized by a number of prestigious galleries, such as Bernard Jacobsen, of Cork Street, who has filled its prime site at the entrance with "blue chip" works by Frank Auerbach and David Bomberg, and the Glasgow Print Studio, which represents the young Scottish tyros currently making headlines.

Elsewhere, quality control is somewhat awry, on the one hand catering for Royal Academy Summer Exhibition tastes - such as the Crowther Gallery's big-bosomed bronze nudes, sprawling across the floor, and on the other, cloth or leather-bound figures with a sado-masochistic air at the Nicholas Treadwell Gallery.

"Ten years ago we hardly sold to businesses, but recently they have started to have a sense of humour", said this ever optimistic dealer.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

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Joshua 1 : 8

BIRTHS

ACELIMOS - On September 1st 1987, at The Middlesex Hospital, W1, to Camille and Morris, a son, Westoné.

ATKINSON - On September 6th in New York to Joanna and Richard, a son, William Richard.

CRIPPS - On August 25th, to Susan (née Briggs) and Andrew, a daughter, Helen Sarah, a sister for Nicholas and Jonathan.

de BRAY - On August 2nd to Lindy and Sean, a son, Jack Alexander, a brother for Lauren.

DU CANN - On September 4th, at St. Mary's, Paddington, to Jordia (née Lujua) and Christian, 2 sons, Mattias and Benoit.

EVANS - On September 11th 1987, at Guy's Hospital, London, to Sue (née Peck) and Will, a son, George.

FOX-MALE - On September 4th to Sara (née Le Gear) and Nick, a daughter, Anna.

LANKESTER - On September 7th, to Carey and Robert, a son, Luke Anthony.

MELROSE - On September 8th, 1987 to Landa and Andrew, a daughter, Emily Susan.

NEWTON - On September 1st, at The Royal Free Hospital, London, to Valerie (née Oakley) and Guy, a daughter, Kate, a sister for Edward and William.

SEVER - On September 10th, 1987, at St. Mary's Hospital, London, to Judi (née Mackay) and Peter, a son, Alexander.

SINCLAIR - On September 6th, 1987 to Bridget (née Scott) and Peter, a daughter, Rebecca Yvonne.

TAYLOR - On September 11th, at Treliske Hospital, Truro, to Judith (née Gunn) and Jonathan, a son, Daniel.

TENNANT - On September 10th, to Coolchy and Jonathan, a daughter (Rosanna Mary).

TURNER-BRIDGER - On August 22nd at BMH, Hong Kong, to Candide (née Durnford) and Jeremy, the gift of a daughter, Asia Patricia.

WIGGETT - On September 10th at The Portland Hospital London to Janet Margaret (née Bell) and Bill, a daughter, Alice Margaret.

WREY - On September 10th, to Caroline and George, a daughter.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

HUDSON:ALSEN - On September 13th, 1947 at St Luke's Church, Milland, Desmond to Angela. Present address Moorcroft, Stalbridge Weston, Dorset.

DEATHS

BERRILL - On September 10th 1987, at home suddenly after a long illness so very bravely born, Jean wife of Patrick and mother of Nicholas, Alexandra and James. A much loved person. Arrangements for family funeral by Selim Smith of Cheltenham, details of memorial service will be announced later.

BROWN - On September 10th, peacefully at his home, Foulsham, Norfolk, Lt. Col. Arnold Kingsmill Brown, M.B.E., darling husband of Marianne and father of Richard, Susan, Andrew (deceased) and Christiane. Funeral service to be held at The Church of Saints Peter and Paul, Salle, Norfolk on Thursday September 17th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for Salle Church Restoration Fund and the Big C Appeal may be sent to Hendry & Sons, Funeral Directors, Station Road, Foulsham, Norfolk, NR20 5RG.

CROSS - On September 9th at The Evelyn Hospital, Cambridge, John Edward (Jack), aged 65 of Elmdon, Saffron Walden, Essex, husband of Diana, father of James and Lucy, and son of Winifred Cross. Cremation service on Wednesday September 16th at 11.30 am at Cambridge Crematorium. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Cancer Relief, c/o. H. Peasgood & Son, 62 Gold Street, Saffron Walden. Tel: 0799-23314.

FERRERS-GUY - On 28th August, Marmion Thomas (Tom), aged 74, of Cooma, NSW, Australia. Younger son of the late Major M.C. Ferrers-Guy, D.S.O., and Monica (née Boursot) and husband of Marion, father of Richard (deceased), Katharine and Louise.

GRAY - On September 10th 1987, Dr. Violet Gray, Widow of the late Dr. Ronald Gray, of Southcote, Hindhead. Funeral Private.

GREY - On September 9th, peacefully at home, Dora Rebekah in her 83rd year. Funeral service at St. Andrew's Church, Oxshott, 1.45 pm, Wednesday 16th September followed by cremation. No flowers but donations if desired to Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Disabled, Leatherhead.

HALL - On September 3rd, 1987 suddenly at his home in Rye Harbour, East Sussex, Denys Pontifex, dearly loved husband of Constance. Funeral has taken place.

HARGREAVE - On September 10th 1987 after a long illness borne with great courage and shining faith, Rachel, beloved wife of Colin, and mother of Jeremy. Service and interment St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, Lancashire Tuesday September 15th 11 am. All enquiries please to J & A Porter, Windsor Court, Windsor Road, Ansdell, Lytham, St. Annes. Tel: 0253 735423.

MANDOLFO - On September 10th 1987, at Seacroft Hospital, Leeds, Anna aged 17, peacefully after a long and courageous struggle. We loved you very much. Gerry, Barbara, Roy, Benedict, Becky and Luke.

PARKHOUSE - On September 9th, 1987, peacefully in the Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester, Ivy May Parkhouse S.R.N., S.C.M. retired, late of Canterbury and Axminster and formerly Dorin Court, Weymouth, loving sister of Gordon, dear auntie of Ruth and family. Funeral Service at Saint Giles Church, Kilmington, nr. Axminster, Devon, on Tuesday, September 22nd at 1.30pm, followed by interment. No flowers by request. Donations may be made payable to Stockting Funeral Service to be divided between The Royal National Institute for the Blind, The Home Farm Trust and The Royal National Lifeboat Institute c/o Stockling Funeral Service, 22, Crescent Street, Weymouth, Dorset. Tel: 0305-785915.

STORRS - On September 9th, peacefully at home, Hugh Simonds Storrs. Dearly loved husband of Beryl and father of June. Cremation private. No flowers or letters.

WARD - In September, (W.A.A. Major Retired), at his home in Scunthorpe, William Arthur, aged 73 years (late of Belfast and Dublin), beloved husband of the late Grace, loving father of Henry, Margaret, Mary and Bill. A dear father-in-law and grandad. Remains to be received into Holy Soul Catholic Church, Scunthorpe, at 7pm, on Tuesday, September, 15th, for Requiem Mass at 10.30 am Wednesday September,16th, prior to interment in Woodlands Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Enquiries to Stephen Cleary Funeral Services. Tel: 0724 843017.

WILKINSON - On September 8th in Cheltenham, Helen Marcia (née Graham). Funeral at Winchcombe Parish Church on Monday, 14th September at 2.30pm.

WINDSOR-AUBREY - On September 10th 1987, peacefully in hospital, Gwendoline Marian, aged 89. Funeral private. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Royal Commonwealth Society For The Blind, Commonwealth House, Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

YATES - On September 9th at Ticehurst, Sussex, Joan Mary, dear wife of Bill and mother of Margaret, Jennifer, Elizabeth, Hilary and David. Funeral Service at St. Mary's Church, Ticehurst at 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 16th September followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but donations may be given to Hospice at Home, Sandhurst Road, Tunbridge Wells TN2 3JS.

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CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Ireland in C, Beati quorum via (Stanford), The Chaplain; 3 30 E, O come ye servants (Tye), Harwood in A flat; Evening Hymn (Balfour Gardiner).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev P Blewett.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5 15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis in C, Spatzenmesse (Mozart), Laudate Dominum (Mozart), The Vicar; 6 E & B, Bairstow in D, Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow), Rev G A Reddington.
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ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 HC; 10.30 MP & HC, Statham in D, Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake (Farrant), Rev M Butchers; 6.30 E, Give ear unto my prayer (Arcadelt), Rev D R Watson.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10 Family Communion; 11 S Euch, Short Service (Batten), O Sing joyfully (Batten), Rev K White.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 8 15 HC; 11 Choral Matins, Rev J Barton; 12 15 HC.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8 HC; 9 45 Euch, The Vicar; 11 30 MP, Rev P Chester; 2 45 Chinese Service; 4 30 E, Responses (Ebdon), Noble in A minor, Locus iste (Bruckner); 6 30 EP, Rev P Chester.
ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Rev A Boddy; 11.15 M, The Vicar; 6.30 E, Rev A Boddy.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM; 11 HM, Missa Ave Maria (Morales), O quam pulchra es (Dunstable), Fr J Gilling; 6.15 E & B.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8, 11 HC, Missa Sancti Johannes de Deo (Haydn), Zadok the Priest (Handel), Valerie Makin; 6.30 Rev C Hamel Cooke.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8 15 HC; 11 HC, Rev J Crossley; 7 30 ES, P George & J Dain.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 M, Cantate Domino (Pitoni), Responses (Rose), Alcock in B flat, Sing joyfully (Byrd); 12 15 HC.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 Euch, The 'Western Wind' Mass (Sheppard), Blessed are all they (Orlando Gibbons), Haec est arbor dignissima (Alessandro Grandi), Rev R Davis.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC, 10 Family Mass; 11 Solemn Mass, Short Service (Batten), Adoramus te Christi (Palestrina), Fr D B Tillyer.
ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP, Jubilate Stanford in B flat, O clap your hands (Greene), Rev Angela Pearce; 6.30 Guest Service, Lead me, Lord (Wesley), My eyes for beauty pine (Howells), Preb J Pearce.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 HM, Missa Super Surrexit Pastor Bonus ii (Lassus), Carmen funebre (Wesley), Fr G Morgan; 6 E & B, Fr C Colven.
THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, Missa Super Frere Thibault (Lassus), Scio enim (Lassus); 6 LM & B.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 Rev K G Hughes.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 8, 10, 12, 4, 6 LM; 11 SM, Missa dixit Maria (Hasler), Salvator mundi (Tallis), Panis angelicus (Casciolini).
FARM STREET, W1: 7 30, 8 30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Dominica Vigesima Quarta, Kitson in C minor, Ave Maria.
OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11 HM, Missa 'Puisque j'ay perdu' (Lassus), Christus factus est (Felice Anerio), Domine salvam fac (Coll).
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.
CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 Mr D Ray; 6 Rev M Braddy.
HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 11 Rev Rothwell, Rev Howcroft; 6.30 Rev Griffiths.
KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 & 6.30 Rev Greta Morgan.
REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN URC, Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Rev J Miller; 6.30 Miss R Watts.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 HC; 7 Choral Vespers, St Annes Choir, Mr S P Verkouw.
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 Rev R C Gibbins.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev R John Tudor.
WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate, SW1: 11, 6 30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.
WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Birthdays

TODAY: Miss Maria Aitken, actress, 42; Sir Lindsay Alexander, deputy chairman, Lloyds Bank, 67; Colonel Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, former Lord Lieutenant of the County of Inverness, 77; Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Compston, 72; Mr Esmé Gordon, architect, 77; Mr Ian Holm, actor, 56; Mr Kenneth Lo, Chinese cookery expert and tennis player, 74; Sir Brian MacKenna, former High Court judge, 82; Mr Neville Mead, boxer, 39; Lord Milner of Leeds, 64; the Right Rev Alan Rogers, former Bishop of Mauritius, 80; Sir Arthur Sugden, former chief executive officer, Co-operative Wholesale Society, 69; Sir Gervas Walker, former chairman, Association of County Councils, 67; Professor George Zarnecki, art historian, 72.

TOMORROW: Miss Jacqueline Bisset, actress, 43; Lieutenant-General Sir Derek Boorman, 57; Miss Claudette Colbert, actress, 84; Sir John Coulson, diplomat, 78; Mr Roald Dahl, author, 71; Sir George Engle, QC, former First Parliamentary Counsel, 61; Baroness Fisher of Rednal, 68; Lord Flowers, 63; Professor Sir John Gunn, former professor of natural philosophy, 71; the Duke of Hamilton, 49; Lord Kenyon, 70; Sir Michael Perrin, former chairman, The Wellcome Foundation, 82; Sir Thomas Risk, Governor of the Bank of Scotland, 65; Mr Robert Sheldon, MP, 64; Mr John Smith, QC, MP, 49; Mr James Stuart-Smith, Judge Advocate General, 68; Lord Weidenfeld, 68; Air Marshal Sir Peter Wykeham, 72.

Dinners

Anglo Mauritian Association
The Duchess of York was the guest of honour at the inaugural dinner of the Anglo Mauritian Association held on Wednesday in the Mansion House by courtesy of the Lord Mayor, Sir David Rowe-Ham. Mr Ravi Misra, Chairman of the Association, presided. Also present were Sir Gaetan Duval, QC, Deputy Prime Minister of Mauritius, Mr Gian Nath, High Commissioner for Mauritius, and Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Association of Anaesthetists
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Sheffield attended the annual dinner of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland held last night at Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield. Professor Michael Rosen, president, and Mrs Rosen received the guests who included Sir Michael and Lady Carlisle, Sir Cecil Clothier, QC, the Master Cutler in Hallamshire, Dr and Mrs P.J. Helliwell and Professor K. Rawnsley.

Pattenmakers' Company
Mr Richard Catlow was the principal guest at a dinner given by the Pattenmakers' Company last night at Castle Ashby, Northamptonshire. Mr W.R.F. Chamberlain, Master, presided and Mr Graham Butlin also spoke.

Today's royal engagement

The Duke and Duchess of York will attend the Last Night of the Proms at the Albert Hall at 7.30.

Service reception

RAF Innsworth
The Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel M.C. Watson, accompanied by the Hon Mrs Watson, at a Battle of Britain reception held yesterday at RAF Innsworth. Air Commodore J. Hardstaff, acting Air Secretary, and Mrs Hardstaff and Wing Commander R.H. Smith, Station Commander, and Mrs Smith received the guests who included the High Sheriff of Gloucestershire and Mrs Ayshford Sandford and the Mayors of Gloucester, Tewkesbury and Cheltenham.

Service dinners

XX The Lancashire Fusiliers
The XX Minden Club of the XX The Lancashire Fusiliers held a dinner at the Army and Navy Club yesterday. Colonel I.R. Cartwright presided. Captain R.J. Fisher, RN, was among those present.

RAF Upavon
Air Vice-Marshal C.J. Thomson, Air Officer Commanding No 1 Group, was host at a dinner to commemorate the Battle of Britain held last night at RAF Upavon. Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling was the guest speaker and Wing Commander G.A. Woolley presided.

Latest wills

Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh William Lumsden **Saunders**, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire, left estate valued at £146,912 net.

Mrs Marion Whitworth **Wyatt**, of Nailsea, Avon, left estate valued at £1,630,251 net. She left the estate mostly to relatives.

University news

Heriot-Watt
Dr Brian C. Cavenett (above), reader in solid state physics at Hull University, has been appointed VG Semicon professor of opto-electronic materials in the department of physics at Heriot-Watt.

Buckingham
Appointments
SENIOR LECTURER: Mr J R Bicheno (production and operations management)
LECTURERS: Mr J Hatchard (law); Mrs J Wale (accounting); Mr A Dnes (economics); and Mr J Rafferty (business studies).

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: H.H. Asquith, 1st Earl of Oxford and Asquith, prime minister, 1908-16, Morley, Yorkshire, 1852; H.L.Mencken, writer, Baltimore, Maryland, 1880; Maurice Chevalier, Paris, 1888; Giuseppe Saragat, president of Italy, 1964-71, Turin, 1898.

DEATHS: François Couperin, (Le Grand), harpsichordist, Paris, 1733; Jean-Philippe Rameau, organist and composer, Paris, 1764; Leonid Andreyev, novelist, Kuokkala, Finland, 1919; Robert Lowell, New York, 1977.

Cleopatra's Needle was re-erected on Victoria Embankment, London, 1878.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: William Cecil, 1st Baron Burghley, statesman, Bourne, Lincolnshire, 1520; Arthur Henderson, Labour Foreign Secretary, 1929-31, Nobel Peace laureate, 1934, Glasgow, 1863; Arnold Schoenberg, Vienna, 1874; J.B.Priestley, Bradford, 1894.

DEATHS: Andrea Mantegna, painter, Mantua, Italy, 1506; James Wolfe, general, Quebec, 1759; Charles James Fox, statesman, London, 1806; Alexis Chabrier, composer, Paris, 1894; August Krogh, physiologist, Nobel laureate, 1920, Copenhagen, 1949; Leopold Stokowski, conductor, Nether Wallop, Hampshire, 1977.

Church news

Resignations and retirements

The Right Rev Morris Maddocks, an Assistant Bishop, diocese of Bath and Wells, and Adviser for the Ministry of Health and Healing to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York: to resign as an Assistant Bishop diocese of Bath and Wells. He continues as Adviser for the Ministry of Health and Healing to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and is moving to St Mary's, Burrswood, Groombridge, near Tunbridge Wells, to concentrate on teaching and training at Burrswood and at other healing centres.

The Rev John Douglas, Vicar, Thirkleby with Kilburn and Bagby, diocese of York: to retire on June 30, 1988.

Canon C John Phillips, Chaplain, Christ Church, Vienna, Austria, with Budapest and Prague, diocese of Europe: retired on August 31.

Science report

Star explosion 'created black hole'

By Robert Matthews

The giant star which exploded in the spectacular supernova event discovered last February may have given birth to a black hole, according to astrophysicists at Tel Aviv university.

Their claim comes hard on the heels of work by American astrophysicists suggesting that a hot, extremely dense magnetic star known as a pulsar was born in the explosion which destroyed the stellar giant, which was more than 20 times more massive than our sun.

Astrophysical theory predicts that both pulsars and black holes are possible outcomes of supernova explosions. The nature of the final object depends on how much of the central core of the original star survives the explosion intact. If the remnant is about 1.4 times as massive as the sun, then a rapidly-spinning pulsar a few tens of kilometres across may result.

However, if the remnant is substantially heavier, its gravitational field is strong enough to make it collapse in on itself. Eventually the stage is reached where the object is so dense, and its gravitational field so strong, that not even light can escape from it. A black hole just a few kilometers across has been created.

Like the American astrophysicists advocating the birth of a pulsar in the supernova, the Israeli scientists base their claim on an analysis of the bursts of elementary particles known as neutrinos which have streamed out of the explosion.

The theory is relatively simple. The object left by the explosion will have a certain mass, and hence a certain gravitational binding energy holding it together.

By measuring the total energy of the neutrinos within the bursts, a lower limit can be put on the object's mass: the energy in the bursts cannot be more than the amount of gravitational energy holding the object together.

Dr S. Nussinov and his colleagues at Tel Aviv calculate that the energy locked up in the neutrino bursts is about 26 per cent greater than the binding energy of a typical pulsar. This suggests that the supernova remnant is somewhat more *massive still*.

The scientists get closer to the sort of mass needed for a black hole by considering next the flow of neutrinos out of the supernova. These particles belong to the same family of elementary particles as electrons, and so in the explosion the total numbers of each must always balance.

This means that measuring the flow of neutrinos enables the number of electrons in the central core to be calculated, and again a limit on the mass of the remnant can be calculated.

Using this argument, the scientists find that the mass of the final object must be greater than six solar masses, close to that needed for a black hole.

Their final piece of evidence comes from computer simulations of the destruction of giant stars. These show that a massive iron core is left behind, which cools by the flow of neutrinos from its surface. Surrounding debris then adds to the mass of the core, which collapses into a black hole.

Feeding in data gleaned about the original star, the scientists find that the energy contained in the observed neutrino bursts is close to that expected from the computer models if a black hole is eventually formed.

All the variation predictions about the nature of the object lurking in the supernova debris will be put to the test over the coming months by the X-ray astronomers, whose instruments should settle the matter once and for all.

Source: *Nature*, volume 329, p134, 10 September.

Archaeology

Roman estate found at gravel workings

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

A combination of excavation and geophysical surveying is exposing an entire Roman villa and its surrounding estate buildings in Northamptonshire.

Several mosaics have been found, together with what may have been a shrine, and round houses continuing an Iron Age tradition into the Roman period.

The site at Stanwick, near Wellingborough, is being excavated by English Heritage under the direction of Mr David Neal before gravel digging and a new section of the A45 trunk road is begun.

The pace of work is partly dictated by the pattern of gravel extraction, but the company involved, ARC, is giving substantial logistic assistance for the project, which is seen as providing a broad picture of a villa estate.

The work began in 1984 and will continue for at least four more seasons. So far it has shown that the villa spanned the second to fourth centuries AD. There was an earlier Iron Age settlement on the site, and a Bronze Age barrow near by was brought into the pattern of the Roman landscape with an enclosing wall.

A geophysical survey showed the presence of a series of ditched enclosures radiating from the main villa buildings; the estate buildings expanded across some of the enclosures as the villa developed over the centuries.

One striking building had a square-walled yard entered from the east with square turret-like rooms on the eastern angles. Across the yard, symmetrically arranged, was a rectangular structure 10 by 5 metres (33 by 16 feet) with a square room on its west side.

The formal layout, but lack of domestic features, suggests to Mr Neal that it may have been the offices of the farm's bailiff, with stock kept in the yard and the small room as an office off the larger waiting room.

"If so, the complex could be identified as a *latifundium*, where tithes were paid by tied workers", he says.

Another unusual building is a small circular structure, outside which were found a miniature bronze axe and fragments of a pipeclay figurine; it lies on the projected axis of the putative "office" building, and may have been a shrine.

Further evidence of ritual activity comes from further up the valley, where a Bronze Age barrow was surrounded in the Roman period by a polygonal stone wall with an entrance. Thousands of oyster shells were piled around the structure.

In the villa itself a plain stone altar has been found, together with a stone cist (burial-chest) containing the skeleton of a pet dog. Most of the evidence recovered, however, is mundane and connected with the economic functioning of the villa estate.

The Stanwick villa seems to have been a mixed farm, similar to many others investigated in the past; the extensive and complete nature of the studies at Stanwick should, however, give a more complete picture of the Roman economy in the Midlands than has yet been obtained.

St Lawrence College

Michaelmas Term began on September 9 and ends on December 11. Mr R.F. Crittenden becomes Second Master, Dr D.A. Scales, Director of Studies, Dr C.A. Baker, Housemaster of Lodge and Dr E.B. Gill, Housemaster of Tower. Mr A.P. Presland, as Housemaster of Cameron, and Miss P. Savill, Miss J. Pencovitch and Mr N. Maltman join the staff. The Sixth Form places and scholarships examination is on November 17 and 18. The carol service is on December 6. The Appeal launch dinner for a new Technology Centre, to be built within the 1897 building, is on September 28 at the college. Appeal receptions will be held as follows: October 1, 5, 7, 13 and 16, at 6.30 pm in college. November 2, at 7.30 pm Canterbury Hockey Club. November 10, at 7.30 pm Dover Moat House Hotel, and in London - from 6 pm November 12, Longbow House, Chiswell Street. November 18, 52 Portland Place. November 24, Chartered Accountants' Hall, Moorgate Place, and December 3, Hudson Bay House, Upper Thames Street. Further details from the Appeal Director.

Peace sword

The 25 Engineer Regiment will be presented with a Wilkinson sword of peace in Osnabruck, West Germany, on October 1 in recognition of its salvage and clearance work in the Falkland Islands in the past two years. The sword will be presented to General Sir George Cooper.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mrs C.J. **Benson** to be Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Almshouses, in succession to Mr R.B. Brayne, who has retired.

Grenville College

Autumn Term began on September 8 and concludes on December 10. The Rev F.F. Simon has been appointed School Chaplain in succession to the Rev M.R. Ruff. Mr G.P. Link succeeds Mr J.E. Moore as Housemaster of Tallis, and Mr A. Lane succeeds Mr Link as Housemaster of Kipling. Stephen Ridehalgh has been appointed head prefect, and Benjamin Chads captain of rugby football. The Headmaster, Dr D.C. Powell-Price, will spend a sabbatical month in North India this October. A school appeal for a new Science Block, Sixth Form Centre and School Library will be launched this term. The Grenville Association's matches and dinner will be held at Bideford, on November 7.

St Francis' College

Autumn Term began on Wednesday, September 9 and ends on Wednesday, December 16. Mrs Janise Frith takes up her appointment as Headmistress and Miss Mairin Hegarty joins the college as Deputy Headmistress. Mrs Mary Campbell is the new Head of English and Mrs Dermot MacDermott is the new Head of Classics. Prize giving, at which the guest speaker will be the Right Rev Crispian Hollis, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham, will be on Thursday, September 24 at 7.00 pm. The House plays will be performed on October 22 and the carol services will be held in the chapel on December 10 and 11.

Polytechnic news

Newcastle
Mr Clive Colling has been appointed head of the polytechnic's educational development services. He was formerly Teesside Polytechnic's curriculum development officer in the educational development unit.

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Saturday 12 Sep 7.30 pm **TOMMY STEELE** [illegible] **BBC Concert Orchestra Michael Reed** [illegible] **Stephen Hill Singers.** [illegible] **The Beatles, Neil Diamond, Neil Sedaka, Simon & Garfunkel** [illegible] £6.50 £10 £11.50 £15 [illegible]

Sunday 13 Sep 7.30 pm **PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA Owain Arwel Hughes** (cond) **Sara Wolfensohn** (piano) **Verdi** Overture The Force of Destiny **Faure** Pavane **Grieg** Piano Concerto **Rimsky-Korsakov** Scheherazade £4.50 £5.50 £6.50 £8.50 £10 £11.50 £12.50 Raymond Gubbay Ltd BBC Radio 2

Tuesday 15 Sep 7.30 pm **ILEA BANDS IN CONCERT** [illegible] Grand Union [illegible] £2.50 £4.50 £5 [illegible]

Wednesday 16 Sep 7.30 pm **VARIETY CLUB GALA CONCERT London Symphony Orch. Owain Arwel Hughes** (cond) **Rosalind Plowright, John Rawnsley, Julian Lloyd Webber, Philip Fowke** Prog inc **Faure** Elegy **Rachmaninov** Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini **Verdi** Arias & duets & music **Rossini & Elgar** £3.50 £5 £7 £9 £11.50 £14 [illegible] Variety Club of GB

Thursday 17 Sep 7.30 pm **THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC** **Sir Georg Solti** (conductor) **Alfred Brendel** (piano) **Brahms** Piano Concerto No 1 **Tchaikovsky** Symphony No 5 RETURNS ONLY London Philharmonic Enterprises Ltd

Friday 18 Sep 7.30 pm **HOOKED ON CLASSICS Royal Philharmonic Pops Orchestra Louis Clark** [illegible] £6.50 £9 £11 £13 £15 [illegible] Raymond Gubbay Ltd

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Sunday 20 Sep 7.30 pm **THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC** **Bernard Haitink** (conductor) **Mitsuko Uchida** (piano) **Schumann** Piano Concerto **Shostakovich** Symphony No 10 RETURNS ONLY London Philharmonic Enterprises Ltd

Thursday 24 Sep 7.30 pm **THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC** **Sir Charles Groves** (conductor) **Maurizio Pollini** (piano) **Webern** Passacaglia **Beethoven** Piano Concerto No 4 **Brahms** Symphony No 1 RETURNS ONLY London Philharmonic Enterprises Ltd

Friday 25 Sep 7.30 pm **POPULAR CLASSICS London Concert Orchestra Barry Wordsworth** (conductor) **Piers Lane** (piano) **Rossini** Ov. William Tell **Elgar** Pomp & Circumstance March No 1 **Rachmaninov** Piano Concerto No 2 **Borodin** Polovtsian Dances **Handel** Water Music Suite **Ravel** Bolero £4.50 £5.50 £6.50 £8.50 £10 £11.50 £12.50 Raymond Gubbay Ltd

Tuesday 15 Sep 7.45 pm **ALBAN BERG QUARTET** **Beethoven** Quartet in C minor Op 18 No 4 **Berg** String Quartet Op 3 **Beethoven** Quartet in E flat Op 127 A South Bank Residency £[illegible] £4 £5.50 £6.50 £7.50 The South Bank Board

Wednesday 16 Sep 7.45 pm **ACADEMY OF ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS Iona Brown** (director) **Bach** Concerto in D minor for two violins BWV 1043 **Haydn** Symphony No 49 (La Passione) **Stravinsky** Concerto in D **Mozart** Symphony No 29 A South Bank Residency £3.50 £5 £6.50 £8 £9 Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Thursday 17 Sep 7.45 pm **LONDON CLASSICAL PLAYERS BEETHOVEN SERIES** **Roger Norrington** (conductor) **Melvyn Tan** (fortepiano) **Beethoven** Symphony No 1 Piano Concerto No 2 Symphony No 6 (Pastoral) £3.50 [illegible] Historic Arts

Sunday 20 Sep 7.45 pm **MOZART CONCERTO FESTIVAL London Soloists Chamber Orchestra David Josefowitz** (cond) **Tomotada Soh** (vln) **Joy Farrall** (clt) **Sue Deal** (horn) **Elizabeth Rich** (piano) **Mozart** Horn Conc in E flat K 447 Piano Conc in D minor K 466 Violin Conc in G K 216 Clarinet Conc in A K 622 £4 £5.50 £7 £8 £9 London Soloists Chamber Orch

Monday 21 Sep 8.00 pm **RELATIVITY** bring together two countries, two bands and four famous [illegible] from The Bothy Band [illegible] and Michael O Domhnaill and from Silly Wizard Phil and Johnny Cunningham First London performance £5 £6.50 £7.50 Speakout

Tuesday 22 Sep 7.45 pm **TAMAS VASARY Peterborough String Orchestra Tamas Vasary** (director piano) **Haydn** Symphony No 85 (La Reine) **Mozart** Piano Concerto in C K 467 **Larsson** Pastoral Suite Op 19 **Mozart** Symphony No 35 (Haffner) £4.50 £5 £6.50 £7 Peterborough String Orchestra Ltd

Wednesday 23 Sep 7.45 pm **ACADEMY OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS** **Kenneth Sillito** (director) **Mendelssohn** Octet Op 20 **Schubert** Octet D803 A South Bank Residency £3 £4 £5 £6 £7 Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields

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Sunday 13 Sep 4.00 pm **HARRY SPARNAAY** (bass clarinet) ***MEMBERS OF THE LONDON SINFONIETTA*** **Barry Anderson** [illegible] **Stephen Montague; Jonty Harrison** [illegible]

Sunday 13 Sep 7.30 pm **PHILIP MEAD** and **LONDON SINFONIETTA VOICES Terry Edwards** (dir) **Electric Phoenix. James Alvarez** [illegible] **Emmerson** [illegible] **Stephen Montague** [illegible] **Ferneyhough** [illegible] **James Wood** [illegible] **Trevor Wishart** [illegible] £4 £5 £6

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Sunday 13 Sep 5.30 pm **JOHN LUNN** (piano) **ROGER CHASE** (viola) **Rich Taube** Jub Jub for tape **John Lunn** Echoes for piano & tape **Scott Wyatt** Trans for tape **Barry Vercoe** Synapse for viola & tape **Douglas Fulton** Red Cup and Rat for tape All seats £3

Wednesday 16 Sep **ALBAN BERG QUARTET MASTER CLASS** These master classes have been postponed. An inaugural master class will be re-arranged at a later date. The South Bank Board

Thursday 17 Sep 7.30 pm **GEORGE GERSHWIN A LA CARTE Ian Henry** (piano) Choose your own all-Gershwin concert from a musical menu given to every member of the audience £3.50 £4.50 [illegible] MW Promotions

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VOICE OF THE MAGIC LANTERN

Charles Dickens was bewitched by London — the city which, ***Peter Ackroyd*** *explains, had once so nearly engulfed him*

Victorian river life by the Tower of London: the Thames runs through Dickens's novels just as surely as it runs through the city itself; it became an emblem for his descent into London, his first awareness of its depths

London created Dickens, just as Dickens created London. He came to it as a small, nervous child but by the time of his death, in 1870, he had recreated that city for the generations that followed him. He found a city of brick, and left a city of people. London entered his soul; it terrified him and it entranced him. It became the material for his fantasy and the arena for his polemic. And, in the end, it was truly Dickens's London.

His family settled in the metropolis in 1822, when he was 10 years old: "settled" is hardly the word, since from the beginning they embarked upon a shiftless life which was to take them from house to house, from Camden Town to the Borough, from Gower Street to Somers Town, and it was not really until Dickens acquired fame as a novelist that these domestic wanderings came to an end.

One of Dickens's most profound shocks was also one of his first: within less than two years of the family's arrival in the city, John Dickens, his father, was arrested for debt and incarcerated in the Marshalsea Prison. Dickens himself was sent out to work in an old blacking factory by Hungerford Stairs: "No words," he wrote later, "can express the secret agony of my soul . . ." That warehouse, and his work there, covering the tops of paste-blacking, never left his memory.

He always recalled the rats, the dirt, the decay, and the old tumbling building lurching away the hopes of his childhood. The Thames always haunted his imagination, and it runs through his novels just as surely as it runs through the city itself. It became an emblem for his descent into London, his first awareness of its depths: for here was a child, eager, ambitious, with an equal thirst for learning and for applause, suddenly laid waste by the amorphous darkness of the city.

This vision of London as a place of darkness, as a place of imprisonment and suffocation, never left him. It is as if the city itself took on the shape of his fears so that for him it became an unreal city, a shadow play in which the various areas of darkness were cast by Dickens's own hands.

The journey from the blacking factory to Lant Street (where for a short while he lodged near his father's prison) becomes a dolorous way with each street corner another bead on the rosary of his pain — "My old way home by the Borough made me cry, after my eldest child could speak," he wrote in the same autobiographical fragment, and it is in Covent Garden, close to the site of his childhood suffering, that Little Dorrit cries out "And London looks so large, so barren and so wild."

Most of the areas which haunted him have now gone for ever — his first house in Bayham Street demolished, the warehouse gone, the Marshalsea Prison dismantled. But these places still live because of Dickens; they survive in the horror which he was able to impart to them — "Mother! . . . bury me in the open fields — anywhere but in these dreadful streets . . . they have killed me."

And yet the London of the 1820s and 1830s was not simply a fulcrum of Dickens's own "suffered experience". It was here that he learnt self-reliance; here that he acquired the capacity for work and the determination to succeed.

More important, this was the place which liberated his imagination. Even as a child he was entranced with the city and in a late essay, "Gone Astray", he recalls a day when he was lost in London and when his enduring images were of the giants of Guildhall, of a toyshop, of a City like a bazaar from *The Arabian Nights*, of a theatre — all of which comprised an "enchanted spot".

This was a London - his "magic lantern" — only partly illuminated by gas, so that most of the streets were lit by infrequent oil lamps, and there were linkboys bearing lights to escort late pedestrians home. There were watchmen known as "Charlies" (the Metropolitan Police were not established until 1829). Just beyond the grime of the city there were strawberry fields at Hammersmith and Hackney, and in the Haymarket farmers still haggled over the price of hay. The great public buildings had not yet been erected: until 1827, for example, Trafalgar Square was a patch of waste ground enlivened only by a coach-stand.

When old men looked back on this period, in the 1880s, they characteristically remembered the dog fights, the cock fights, the numerous public hangings, the pillory. But they also recalled the ballad singers, the theatres with their playbills put up in the local tobacco shop or pastry cook's, the brightly coloured caricatures displayed in the shop windows, the strolling peddlers with their penny dreadfuls and their "last confessions", the beer shops, the gin palaces, the dancing saloons, the pleasure gardens. Even the streets themselves took on a theatrical character; one contemporary noted how many houses "had plastered and painted windows, which looked like scenes in pantomime".

Dickens's own education in its way was extensive and peculiar. He went from the blacking factory to a school near Mornington Crescent and it seems that, when he emerged as a lawyer's clerk in his fifteenth year, he was already a Londoner *in excelsis*. One of his contemporaries said of him that, "his knowledge of London was wonderful, for he could describe the position of every shop in the West End Streets". In addition, "he could imitate, in a manner that I have never heard equalled, the low population of the streets of London in all their varieties".

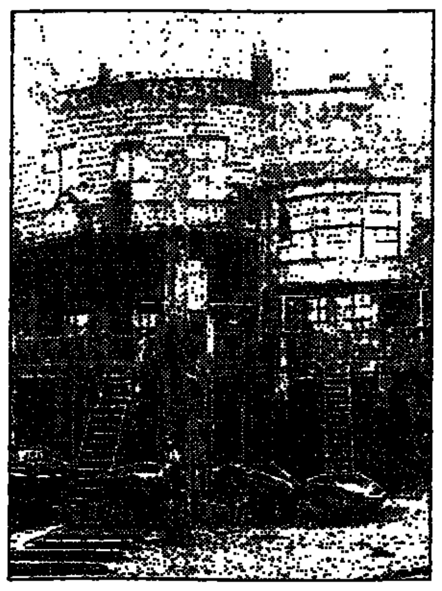
Dickens needed London; it was his great subject. He was the first novelist clearly (if not necessarily consciously) to see that a new term of life was being created, and as a result he has justly been called "the first great novelist of the industrial city". He became the chronicler of London at a uniquely propitious moment: even as he wrote it was growing all around him, becoming the largest city in the world.

There were times when the city seemed like a new Inferno, and *The Great Metropolis* (published in 1837) gives some impression of the sheer noise alone: "To the stranger's ear, the loud and everlasting rattle of the countless vehicles which ply in the streets of London is an intolerable annoyance. Conversation with a friend whom one chances to meet in mid-day is out of the question... " There were the hansom cabs, the new omnibuses, the old stage coaches, the hackney coaches, the waggons, the new railways. It was calculated at the time that in 1850 "more than 5,000 horsemen passed through Temple Bar in one day" and, in addition, omnibus drivers or conductors — known as "cads" — kept up a constant shout about their various destinations.

London was a noisier, even more active, city than the one in which we live today. It was a city of small shops, of specialized workshops and as a result it was a much more varied place, a more surprising place, a place of enormous heterogeneous bustle and energy.

This is a world of mobility, of change, of speed, of clock time, of the discovery of electromagnetic forces, of the engine, of the steam pump — all of it coming and resounding together in the metropolis so that we have the vision of *Bleak House*: " . . . every noise is merged, this moonlight night, into a distant ringing hum, as if the city were a vast glass, vibrating."

It is the tumult of London, after all, that encourages the possibility of coincidence, of chance meetings: and in his novels there is a clear understanding of that conjunction of fates which can emerge from movement, change and restless motion. But this rapidity means that, within the city, extremes of the human condition can meet, even touch and then move on — here where "life and death went hand in hand; wealth and poverty stood side by side: repletion and starvation laid them down together" (*Nicholas Nickleby*).



Dickens would walk to Limehouse, east London, to visit his godfather, Christopher Huffam, and the area appeared in a number of his later writings. Pictured here is The Grapes Inn, Narrow Street, on which he based the Six Jolly Fellowship Porters Tavern in *Our Mutual Friend*: "Externally, it was a narrow lopsided wooden jumble of corpulent windows heaped one upon another as you might heap as many toppling oranges, with a crazy wooden verandah impending over the water; indeed the whole house, inclusive of the complaining flag-staff on the roof, impended over the water, but seemed to have got into the condition of a faint-hearted diver who has paused so long on the brink that he will never go in at all."

All his life Dickens walked. In many of his novels and journalistic sketches, there is an image of the narrator as wanderer and it is clearly one of great significance to him. His childhood wanderings were just the beginning of a lifetime of pilgrimages through the streets, alleys, rookeries and courts of the metropolis. He walked through grand Belgravia squares, through thick-set, red-brick City squares; he saw the weavers' houses of Spitalfields, and the shabby "artists" quarters around Fitzroy Square; he visited the old City churches and the dusty Inns around Holborn; he knew the carriage makers of Long Acre, the watch-makers of Clerkenwell, the news-vendors of Catherine Street and the old-clothes shops off Rosemary Lane.

Even at the end of his life, worn out by nerves and dazed by fame, he continued his nocturnal perambulations. Indeed there is a sense in which these London walks consciously echoed those of his childhood, as if he realized that the source of his inspiration came from the London he had known in his earliest years and that he needed to keep fresh in his memory those childhood hours before he could bring the city fully to life.

There was another city, too, a darker city, which he commemorated in his fiction although even he could not bring himself to tell the precise and whole truth. For this was a savage London. He once told a journalist that "the amount of crime, starvation and nakedness and misery of every sort in the metropolis surpasses all understanding . . . I have spent many days and nights in the most wretched districts of the metropolis, studying the history of the human heart. There we must go to find it."

One newspaper in 1867 estimated that in London there were "100,000 persons who live by plunder". In this huge city there were many "no-go" areas where the new Metropolitan Police force indeed never went. Dickens, undaunted, often took his friends on voyages through London's slums, visiting some of the lodging houses as he did so: he would go in quite blithely but there are reports of his companions, overpowered by the stench within, who came out into the streets to be sick.

In these slums, with their rookeries and their lodging houses, every type of crime and sexual deviancy was to be found. There were times, in fact, when many Londoners believed that there would be such a revolution, such an uprising, as to erase all marks of civilization — Dickens himself hints at these fears both in *Barnaby Rudge* and in *A Tale of Two Cities*.

Of course Dickens was not alone in his concerns — and, as the misery of the urban poor increased, so also did the number of philanthropic organizations. By degrees, London was transformed; it was no longer the city Dickens had known as a boy. The orderliness and relative symmetry of the old Georgian capital were slowly being displaced by the imperialist neo-Gothic and neo-classical architecture of Victorian public buildings. Something of the old compactness had gone for ever and with it, too, the particular gracefulness and particular colour of the eighteenth century. The metropolis was much larger but it was also much more anonymous. This was no longer the wild and barren place of Dickens's imagination, nor was it the extravagant and eccentric locale where all his characters had met and moved together.

And yet he never ceased to live in that old city. Its landscape filled his last novels, even when the lineaments of the new London were already apparent. The old city was the one he loved. It was the city that made him. It was the city which almost destroyed him but which then raised him up. It was the city of his dreams and the city of his imagination. In Dickens's work, it is the city that will live for ever.

● *Abridged from the introduction to* Dickens' London, *published by Headline on September 17 (£12.95). Peter Ackroyd, the chief book reviewer of* The Times, *is currently preparing a full biography of Dickens for publication in 1989. His new novel,* Chatterton, *was published this week by Hamish Hamilton (£10.95).*

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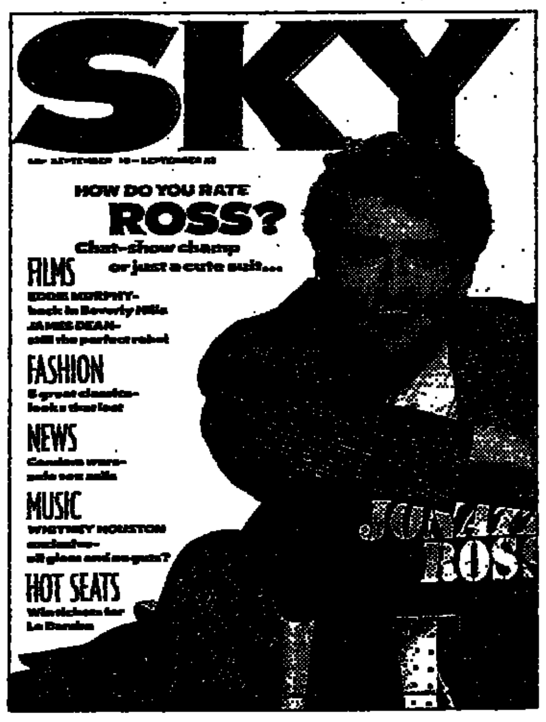

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Snap up a holiday bargain

Alex McWhirter tracks down the best buys in the cut-price air fares jungle

Ben Martin

The bargains game: cut the cost of shooting to thrill on safari by shopping around for the best discounts on flights to Africa

British travellers will soon be able to negotiate the price of any scheduled airline ticket, if the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) gets its way. The CAA wants to give all travel agents the freedom to split their ticket commissions with customers – a practice currently illegal under UK aviation law.

If the CAA's proposals do take effect (pending an appeal by certain airlines), it would mean that a traveller booking a £1,000 British Airways' excursion to Australia could reasonably expect a cash discount of £60 while a more modest £80 excursion return to Paris would attract a £5 saving.

Although bigger savings are already available, they do tend to tie travellers to roundabout economy-class flights, often with those airlines which have poor reputations for service and reliability. So the CAA's scheme would mean that discounts would be available both with top-flight and lesser-known airlines for all classes of travel.

Discounted or "bucket shop" fares are simply for those seats which would otherwise remain empty. Buying a discounted ticket can save you as much as 70 per cent on the full economy-class fare and anything between 5 and 30 per cent on official promotional fares like APEX (advance purchase excursion).

How do you get hold of a discounted fare? Until the early 1980s, discounted tickets were the sole preserve of bucket shops – unlicensed and unbonded travel agents – but over the past couple of years there's been a big shift in the marketplace.

The large chains of travel agencies sought and got the same deals from the airlines as the bucket shops. In particular, Hogg Robinson, Pickfords and Thomas Cook now have the upper hand while the bucket shops are in decline. The high street agents can also offer security and the convenience of nationwide coverage.

Another good source for discounted tickets are the many IATA/ABTA licensed independent agents. In addition, there are still some good bucket shops around – innovative firms which can spot and exploit market loopholes.

DISCOUNT FARES

Generally speaking, the availability of such tickets varies from route to route, airline to airline, and is governed largely by the law of supply and demand. Note that:

- With a couple of exceptions, genuine discounts are unavailable on domestic, European or North American routes. The deals that are available can be sold by any travel agent.
- Most discounted fares are available only for long-haul flights, especially to the Middle East, Asia and Australasia, Africa and Latin America.
- In general, airlines discount according to the quality of flight comfort, service and public demand.
- Discounting doesn't always mean a cheaper fare. It also refers to getting booking restrictions waived on excursion fares.
- Airlines do *not* sell discounted fares direct to the public. These tickets are always sold through a travel agent.

NB: Remember to treat a bucket shop ticket as if it were cash. If an official fare ticket is lost or stolen, the chances are that the airline will replace it speedily and free of charge. *But bucket shop tickets can* take months or years to refund and can leave you heavily out of pocket. Furthermore, it is virtually impossible to insure bucket shop tickets for their full value.

BUCKET SHOPS

Advertisements for cheap fares which show no IATA (International Air Transport Association) or ABTA (Association of British Travel Agents) sign are most likely by bucket shops. If you do intend to patronize a bucket shop, here is some advice on what *precautions to take:*

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- Alex McWhirter is travel editor of *Business Traveller*

TRAVEL NEWS

Caribbean takes off

Puerto Rico looks like being the up-and-coming Caribbean holiday destination next winter, with the reintroduction of direct flights from London after a gap of several years.

Starting on October 30, British Airways will be operating a weekly non-stop Boeing 747 flight from Gatwick to the island's capital, San Juan, where there are good connections to other Caribbean islands not served direct from the UK. "Saver" fares start at £484 return.

Puerto Rico's claim to fame in the tourism market is its unusual combination of Caribbean lifestyle, Spanish culture and American efficiency – a recipe which has encouraged a number of British tour operators to plug into the new BA service. Among them are Speedbird (01-741 8041), Poundstretcher (0293 548241) and Caribbean Connection (01-631 4797).

- **Now that there is once again an "R" in the month, Galway is gearing up for its annual Oyster Festival on September 25-27, which includes several gastronomic happenings, an oyster-opening championship and a formal gala ball. Aer Lingus Holidays (01-439 7262) has put together a £267 package from the UK which includes the flight to Shannon, car-hire, tickets for festival events and two nights' hotel accommodation.**

Strain in Spain

The Spanish Ministry of the Interior has published a pocket guide to help tourists who may run into difficulties during their visit (always assuming that they actually get there). It lists emergency telephone numbers for embassies and the national police and Civil Guard in each province and is being distributed free of charge at all ports of entry to Spain.

Puffed out

The clear-air lobby has won another victory with the decision by Canadian Airlines International to ban smoking on all its Boeing 737 scheduled flights within North America for an experimental period up to October 5. The airline says 80 per cent of its passengers are already non-smokers, but the remaining 20 per cent may hesitate before they book for the Ottawa-Vancouver flight, which takes five hours 35 minutes.

Philip Ray

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In *Over The High Passes* (Collins, £12.95), Christina Noble describes a year with the shepherding Gaddi people of Himachal Pradesh in the Himalayas. She is an inveterate traveller and runs a walking holidays business with her Indian husband in Manali, at the head of the Kulu Valley. It is a book full of people, whose customs, journeys and flocks she brings warmly to life.

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TRAVEL 2

Tom Hanley

Watching the new world go by: a new generation of kindergarten children gazes inquisitively at the passing scene under the watchful eye of their teachers

Just one in a billion

Change is coming fast in China. But visitors from the West are still a notable curiosity, especially lone travellers, as Colin Thubron soon discovered

In the ancient Chinese city of Suzhou — still dense with the houses built by retired mandarins — a self-appointed guide sidled up to me and asked: "May I show you the Humble Administrator's Garden?"

I had already seen it, but the guide himself intrigued me. He looked deferential and sad. He belonged to China's lost generation: men in early middle age now, whose youth had been split by the Cultural Revolution. So I agreed to be shown the garden.

He smiled, but did not move. He seemed to be waiting for something. Minutes passed while he scanned the crowds around us and murmured polite remarks to me.

I grew uncomfortable. Had I misunderstood him? Was he expecting instant payment? Or was "May I show the Humble Administrator's Garden?" code for something illicit? If we had been anywhere else, I would have anticipated drugs, porn, prostitutes. But this was Marxist China.

At last I asked him: "What are we waiting for?" He looked startled. "For the rest of you. For your group."

So the absurd truth dawned on both of us. No, I said, there wasn't any "rest of me", no group. I was that most outlandish of Chinese beings: a loner.

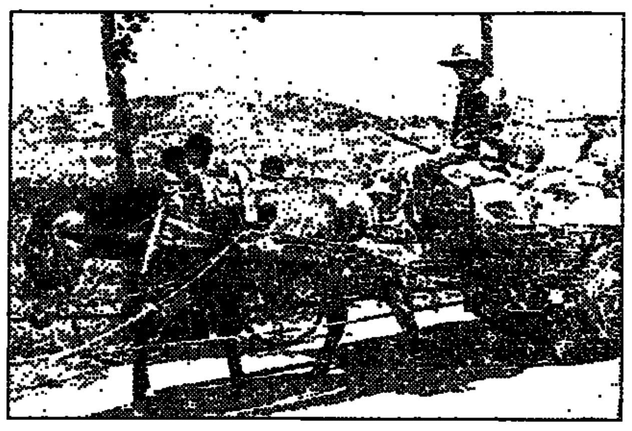
We had struck a deep cultural divide. Solitude is not a Chinese state. "Why are you on your own?" the lone traveller is asked almost on arrival in Beijing. "Where is your unit?"

It took on a metaphysical hugeness. Where, indeed, was my business delegation, my wife and statutory one child, my proof of being attached to the world at all? And since a vital purpose in Chinese people's travelling is to take snapshots of one another, the impossibility of my doing this rendered me even stranger. *"How do you manage to photograph?"* would come the astonished question.

The backpacker (that much-abused Western animal) has a harder than usual time here. Few hotels are licensed to receive him, and the battle for train tickets is an uncertain one. All round the country the mewing Chinese negative — "*mei you*" (there aren't any) — follows him in a disheartening leitmotiv. There aren't any "soft-seat" tickets, there aren't cheaper rooms, there isn't much food. *Mei you.*

Trains, in this huge land, are the traveller's lifeline. China is the last nation on earth to manufacture steam-engines, and they traverse the whole country. Black titans, complete with cowcatchers and crimson wheels, they are old-fashioned, overloaded, and unexpectedly punctual.

The backpacker — usually unassisted by the (often incompetent) China International Travel Service — may find himself incarcerated for long hours in the "hard seat" class. In fact he may not get a seat at all, unless he squats in the rotting fruit and cigarette-ash on the floor.



Old generation: a farmer on the way to market with his crops

Here he understands what is meant by "the masses". They are noisy, rough, cheerful, inquisitive. They are, in their way, an education. For the Chinese masses comprise almost one quarter of the world. They call themselves *laobaixing*, "old hundred names" — an allusion to the few common surnames among them — and this quaint acknowledgement of their anonymity is confirmed, at first, by the faces which scrutinize you from all sides of the railway carriage.

But their uniformity, of course, is an illusion. The moment you encounter it, the mass starts to splinter up. The famed inscrutability thins, and the Yellow Peril breaks down into canny farmers, giggling children, nonplussed old men, nervous students. Against the hardship of solitary travel in China stands this one redemption. You meet, individuate — and even fleetingly befriend — its people.

Outside the Humble Administrator's Garden in Suzhou, the would-be guide had become deeply respectful. If my government let me travel all alone, he said, I must be an important person.

I tried to explain. I was a writer, which wasn't necessarily . . . But in this land still imbued with Confucian respect for education, the concept of "writer" only deepened his conviction of my status.

In the garden he proffered me his guide's knowledge as if he were offering incense. But the garden was marred by trappings for the Moon Festival. A 30-foot papier-mâché dragon snarled synthetically. A model elephant flapped its ears. There were clockwork sing-song girls crewing a paper boat on an otherwise inoffensive lake.

"It is very beautiful," the guide said.

I looked at the outlines of the old garden, its muted rocks and delicately-planted trees. "Yes," I said.

The Chinese and Westerner, as often before, were speaking of different things. But at least we were talking together, peering out of our mutual incomprehensions, believing ourselves scrutable. It was a kind of beginning.

● *Behind The Wall: A Journey Through China by Colin Thubron is published on Monday by Heinemann at £10.95.*

TRAVEL NOTES

For general information and visas apply to the China National Tourist Office at 4 Glentworth Street, London NW1 (01-935 9427).
For individual and group travel arrangements contact the China Travel Services & Information Centre, 78 Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (01-437 8895 & 01-439 8888).

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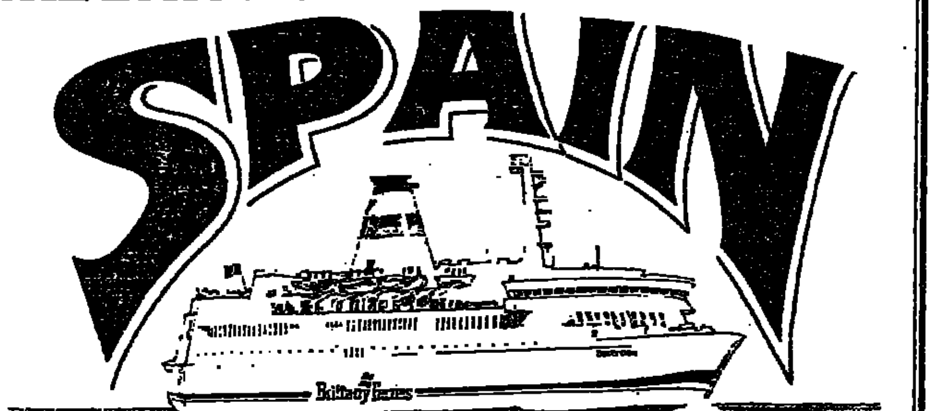

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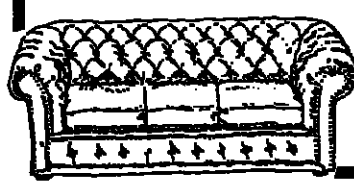

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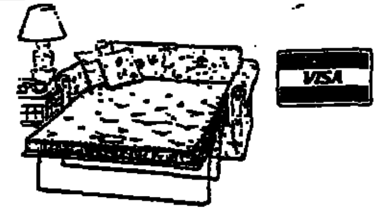

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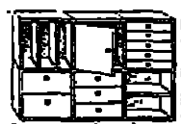

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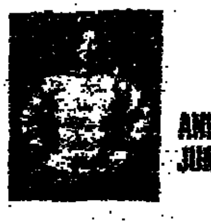

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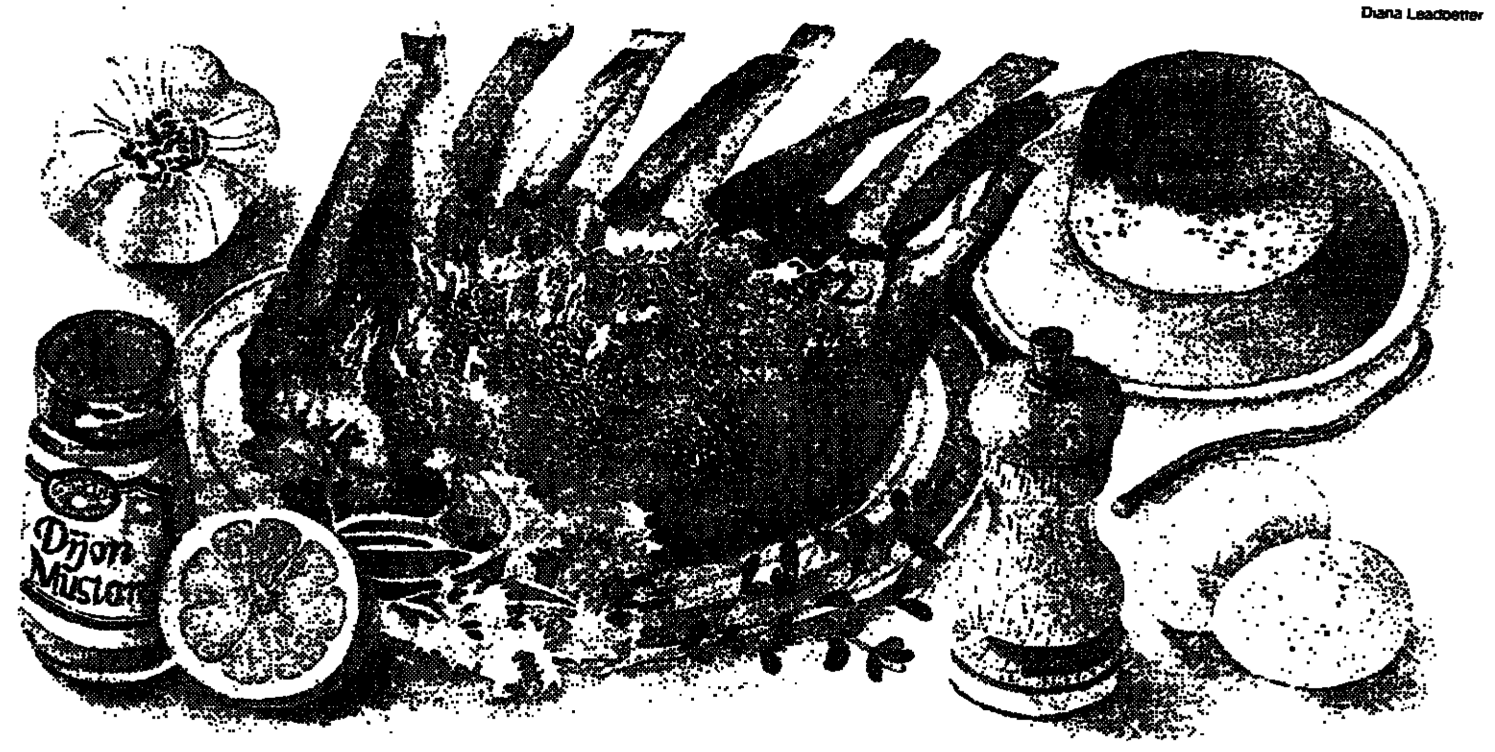
THE TIMES COOK

Dressing up your Sunday best

Leaving your shopping to the last minute need not scupper your Sunday lunch. All you need, Frances Bissell maintains, is a little imagination


Diana Leadbetter

Trying to buy food for Sunday lunch at a quarter to five on Saturday afternoon is tempting fate. And especially foolhardy if you have invited friends to share your lunch. Not something the well-organized shopper would ever dream of doing.

I blame Mauro Bregoli. If he hadn't given us such a splendid lunch, we would have had ample time for Saturday shopping in Romsey. At half past four, we were all still sitting around the table with him in The Old Manor House Restaurant talking about his delicious food. His home-made pasta. Grilled kid. Venison casserole. Trout from the River Test. Rabbit with mustard. The exquisite courgette flowers he had stuffed and fried to serve us before the meal.

Those came after his home-cured salmon appetizers. He used local produce to brilliant effect and, for £7.95 a head, he gave us one of the best lunches that most of us had ever eaten. His selection of Italian wines, young fruity Merlots and big Barolos, accompanied the food to perfection, but I must not stray any further on to Jonathan Meades and Jane MacQuitty's patches.

The idea of then going off shopping and having to face depleted shelves, wilted greens and picked-fruit did not appeal, but four of us forced ourselves to go around the supermarket aisles, examining and rejecting one specimen after another.

Limp lettuces. Bruised peaches. Squashed tomatoes. Salad was going to be quite out of the question. And I couldn't do the peaches in orange juice that I had planned to make. On the other hand, squashed ripe tomatoes make a perfectly good tomato sauce. Now I only had to think of three courses built around a tomato sauce.

Mauro provided the inspiration for the first course, a delicate and simple mousse made with soft white cheese which is sometimes sold under its French name fromage blanc, to be served with fresh tomato sauce. Two joints of lamb remained. I took the rack. Dressed up with a herb and mustard crust, it would be fine.

Potatoes were the only vegetables worth contemplating, but what could be nicer than sliced potatoes baked in the oven with a little stock or butter. And for pudding? If we couldn't find a farm shop on the way home selling fruit, I knew there would be eggs at home with which to make pancakes, perhaps, or a cream caramel, but I would much prefer to serve something crisp and fresh as a contrast to the earlier dishes.

Soft Cheese Mousse
(serves four)

leaves or 3 teaspoons gelatine
water
¼pint/150ml double cream
½lb/225grams soft white cheese or fromage blanc (you can substitute thoroughly sieved cottage cheese or thick Greek yoghurt)
2 tablespoons finely chopped mixed chives, basil and parsley
salt and white pepper

Soften the gelatine in water according to the directions on the packet and then melt it in two tablespoons of hot water. Mix thoroughly with the rest of the ingredients, seasoning to taste.

If the soft cheese or yoghurt is at all runny, then you can whip the cream before folding it in. Spoon into a small terrine, jelly mould or other container with about a 1-pint/600mls volume and allow to set. Turn out, slice and serve on individual plates.

Rack of Lamb with Mustard and Herbs
(serves 4)

2 best ends of lamb, chined
4 cloves garlic, peeled
2 tablespoons Dijon or mild made-up mustard
2 tablespoons fresh brown breadcrumbs
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 tablespoon finely chopped parsley, pinch of thyme, marjoram or chopped rosemary
salt and pepper

Remove the skin and most of the fat from the joint. Crush the garlic and mix it with the rest of the ingredients. Spread the mixture thinly over the outside of the joints.

Place on a rack in a roasting tin and roast in a hot oven, gas mark 7, 220°C/425°F for 20 to 25 minutes. Cook for longer if you like your lamb well done. Remove from the oven, and let it rest in a warm place for five to 10 minutes before carving.

Caramel Cream
(serves 4)

Vanilla pod
1pt/600ml single cream
3 egg yolks
4oz/100g sugar
2 tablespoons water

Bring the cream slowly to the boil with the vanilla pod. Meanwhile, beat the egg yolks in a basin with 1oz/25g sugar. Pour on the hot cream, whisking all the time. Remove the vanilla pod, wash and dry it for use again.

In a small, heavy saucepan, melt the rest of the sugar in the water. When melted, raise the heat and allow to caramelize and go light brown. Then pour it into four individual ramekins or a soufflé dish, swirling the caramel around to cover the base and the sides of the ramekins. Strain the egg and cream mixture into the ramekins.

Stand in a roasting tin containing a little water, and bake in a moderate oven for 25 to 30 minutes. You will know when it is ready by sticking a knife point into the centre of the cream. It will come out clean when cooked. Allow to go cold, then refrigerate. To serve, turn out on to plates.

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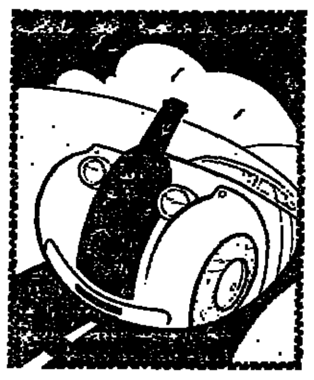
Opportunities to concentrate on the traditional taste of St Julien, alas, are rare, on this side of the water anyway, which is why I swiftly accepted a Circle of Wine Writers' blind tasting of the wines of St Julien and its neighbours.

Lined up were 10 wines, two of which, we were told, did not come from St Julien. Spotting one of these was easy, for the second wine in the line-up was the '83 Duhart-Milon, a Pauillac fourth growth that is owned by and abuts on to the mighty Lafite. Its scented nose and firm, forward, appealing Cabernet-Sauvignon dominant style definitely put it into the Pauillac camp. Similarly the humble, sinewy, green pepper-like palate of wine No 1, an '83 *cru bourgeois* Château Moulin-Rouge, put it obviously below that of a St Julien.


Eric Beaumont

The next eight wines were all St Juliens and my favourite was the glorious, rich, full, rounded blackcurranty '82 Léoville-Barton. Just behind came the '81 Ducru-Beaucaillou, whose fine, ripe, cedary nose and delicious classy cedary palate was a true delight.

On to the '82 Léoville-Las-Cases, whose big, tannic, concentrated, gutsy-cedary taste obviously needs more maturation time, but which may well eclipse its fellow St Julien seconds yet.

In fourth place was the '82 Gruaud-Larose, whose well-made, rich, meaty, truffley-style made a satisfying mouthful. As did the fourth growth '81 Talbot, in fifth place, with its mushroomy, cigar-box like character.

Next in line was another fourth growth Beychevelle whose pleasant sinewy '79 is ready for drinking now. Finally came the rich, plummy '82 St Pierre, a fourth growth, with the flowery '82 Gloria, a *cru bourgeois* in last place.

Jane MacQuitty

Lay & Wheeler, 6 Culver Street West, Colchester, Essex; Adnams, The Crown, High Street, Southwold, Suffolk and Tanners, 26 Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, Shrops carry a good selection of St Julien wines including many of those listed here.

EATING OUT

Mein schnitzel, stein and strudel sample

Jonathan Meades takes his tastebuds on a gastronomic grand tour of German, Austrian and Hungarian fare

Francis Mosley

Longevity in British restaurants is rare – which is hardly surprising given that such gastronomic culture as we have is largely imported rather than a refinement of native peasant practice. Restaurants here are thus far more pervious to the season's whim than they are in continental Europe.

An exception is the Cosmo, 50 years old next year; though it is perhaps rash to call it British, for when you step off the Finchley Road into it you are not just stepping into the past, but into another country.

It was established by refugees from the Third Reich and, despite some architectural amendments down the decades, it still evokes the gaily lugubrious air of a provincial German *gaststätte* of the years before the Second World War. But it evokes this without effort – it is certainly not part of the retro-trade, and is unflashy, solid, bourgeois.

Quite a bit of the menu comes from that place called "International" – ignore this stuff and go instead for specifically German dishes. The best among them are: salted herrings with sourish cream and onions, which is by no means so brutal a dish as the Dutch one; the Rhenish version of *sauerbraten* which is silverside marinaded and served with raisins and a sweet/sour sauce of great subtlety and an accompaniment of too-vinegary red cabbage and bread dumpling; *holstein schnitzel*, the begetter of so many dreadful veal-in-breadcrumbs numbers but done here with reasonable authenticity, that's to say with decent meat, a crisp and ungreasy batter, and capers, anchovies and a fried egg on top of it.

One specifically German dish that should only warily be essayed is the weighty *apfelstrudel* which will make anyone who eats it grateful for the heftily padded chairs and banquettes. I know that there are German wines which can be drunk with food rather than as aperitifs, but no matter what mnemonic tricks I use to stick their names in my brain they flee. So I drank Dortmunder beer or Pilsner (from a part of Czechoslovakia that was, like too many other places, once German). Two will pay about £38.

On, now to Austria, or, rather, to the Austria of a children's book – the Austria of lederhosen, smocked dirndls, oompah on tape and decorative outrage. New Bond Street is so full of strivingly elegant, hyper-chic garment traders that the **Old Vienna** comes as a striking anomaly. This place is bound to – is indeed designed to – conform to and confirm British ideas of the country it kitschily represents.

Its walls are hardly discernible behind a crazed, wayward and wondrously indiscriminate encrustation of jugs, trays, glasses, animals' heads, lumps of metal, steins, cuckoo clocks, plates, faïence tablets, woodcarvings *et al.* All this and the menus, which are leather-bound and heavy as a saddle, generate the idea that the food will be dear. Some of it is.

No one who is keen on that most versatile of fish, the herring, will derive much pleasure from the hoops it is put through here. But the version of *rosti*, mashed rather than grated potatoes fried in butter, is sound, the dumplings are good, and the boiled topside of beef called *tafelspitz*, served with a horseradish and apple sauce, is let down only by its watery broth. Beyond this quintessentially Viennese dish are a number which are generically pan-Teutonic involving fresh roast pork, smoked pork, cured sausages and sauerkraut. The Austrian beer from the Gosser brewery is OK. The bill: £39 for two.

Back in the Finchley Road, a half mile north of the Cosmo, sits **Molnar's**, northern colony of Hungarian cuisine, many of whose staff have worked at the Gay Hussar.

They are unfailingly courteous, even to the point of declining to advise us that the wine called Keknielu is the sort of bevy you'd have been ashamed to take to a bottle party at the age of 16. This was the bad bit of an otherwise commendable meal, though a meal, like any Hungarian one beginning with fruit soup, which seems inversely ordered. Cherry soup, whatever its reputation, is forever to this tongue, pepped-up cherry yoghurt and an inappropriate kick-off.

Its sweetness is an improper prelude to the delicious smoked goose and bean dish which is, no doubt, a poor relation of a cassoulet, but a poor relation that turns out to have a fortune sown in the mattress. Veal goulash here is kindly unassaulting and an indicator of the gulf between Hungarian cooking and that which is passed off as "central European": this is considered, subtle, unassertive while the other's a mugger.

The version here is enhanced by egg dumplings, each the size of a long fingernail. Before the meal proper, which can also begin with something like smoked sausage and horseradish, there comes a dip of cream cheese and paprika, and, after it, pancakes with fillings of devastatingly sweet and rather liquid jams. The bill: £38 for two.

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IN THE GARDEN

Nursery where youngsters bloom

Richard Jackson and Adam Caplin, who bring an exciting zest to the business of setting up garden centres, open their latest enterprise today: the Garden Centre at Hounslow Heath.

They love plants, they love selling them, and they take a particular interest in training several long-term unemployed local youngsters in commercial horticulture.

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New and unusual plants unobtainable in most other places present no problem. Huge stocks of more than 60 varieties of clematis have been reserved for the year ahead.

In a small town garden where every plant has a starring role, showy climbers make the most of space like the semi-evergreen *Clematis florida Sieboldii*, which has white flowers with a dramatic wispy ring of purple surrounding greeny stamens. The North American *Clematis texensis* gives pink bell-shaped flowers in sheltered London gardens up until Christmas.

Clare Roberts

Colour for the autumn: blue flowers of the Plumbago

Adam Caplin advises planting these less hardy kinds about three inches deeper than normal and in a sheltered position. Experience has shown that these exotics will do well in London (and other towns in the South and in the mild South-west) even after a winter like the last. In colder situations, protect such plants against winter by giving substantial cover.

In the warmer conditions of town, one can indulge in some of the late-summer blues; the Plumbagos (Ceratostigma) and the hybrid Caryopteris (an unusual plant in the verbena family with narrow grey-blue leaves offsetting a froth of indigo).

A plant which is grown principally for its autumn colour is the Chinese sacred bamboo *(Nandina domestica)*, while varieties of the late-flowering camellia (*C. sasanqua)*, such as Versicolour and Plantation Pink, are just coming into flower and these too may be grown outside on sunny walls in southern counties. If planting this autumn, it is wise to give some winter protection.

Richard Jackson and Adam Caplin believe that their principle of training youngsters is good business. They were involved earlier with setting up two garden centre projects at Camden and Fulham but the latest two – Alexandra Palace and Hounslow Heath – are on a commercial basis.

Francesca Greenoak

WEEKEND TIPS

- **Take semi-ripe cuttings of conifers for rooting in a cold frame.**
- **Prune any overgrowth on trained apple and pear trees; this will both neaten appearance and help fruit to ripen.**
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GARDEN TO VISIT

DAILY
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Lesson to learn

Simon Callow is wonderfully good at being an actor and has written one of the best books about that unnatural existence. But being an actor is not quite the same as getting others to act, and however much the effervescent Callow must have seemed a natural *for the last spot in BBC2's trio* of programmes *Acting*, the result was not up to first-night standards.

In the last pages of his book, Callow pleads with directors to let all plays live in the eras in which they were conceived. He suggests asking the questions: "What was the author's world? What made it tick? In what ways was it different from our world? What is 17th-century about a 17th-century play?" And he suggests that those questions and their answers should be "the whole quest of rehearsal".

TELEVISION

But faced here, in the daunting master-class situation of a supposedly intimate lesson to four actors observed by serried ranks of audience, Callow clammed up. Which is not to say that he didn't talk a lot, but his exploration of Vanburgh's *The Relapse* was on an extraordinarily limited scale. He jumped right into speech and character without erecting the smallest frame on which his actors could have built. His passing outside references were bizarre: some Ravel for sensuousness of speech, some Edith Evans for planning your sentences, and some trumpet music to capture the clarion tone.

What about the author's world? An audience, and even the actors, might have been interested in Vanburgh's other activities which Callow gabbled about briefly in passing. We might have looked at architecture, costume, contemporary visual satire. This was partly a director's failure, not just Callow's. Not only did Callow have no visual aids, but unbelievably for more than a slow half-hour the actors did not even stand up. It was not until we cut suddenly to the second act of the play that things warmed up at all. There were some good stories, some nice lines. I guess that Callow does better with a script.

William Holmes

Some infernal glow

THEATRE

The Revenger's Tragedy

Swan, Stratford

Its boards still reeking with the carnage of *The Jew of Malta* and *Titus Andronicus*, the Swan now releases yet another tide of gore from the Jacobean Charnel House.

The Revenger's Tragedy occupies a special place in RSC history as the work that brought Trevor Nunn his first big success and launched the company into its prolonged phase of black and silver design. Nunn's 1967 production was firmly rooted in the decade, for which it found an Italianate counterpart in Fellini's *La dolce vita.*

Those reference points are no longer available, and no fresh ones emerge from Di Trevis's revival. What does remain is a satirical tragedy showing a malcontent joker, Vindice, exterminating an entire reigning household to avenge his beloved.

It is a highly effective guignol narrative snapping up every pretext for macabre gags. But, outside the closed world of plot, there is no examination of what forces produce a malcontent nor of what is being satirized, apart from the absurdity of plays like *The Revenger's Tragedy*.

Donald Cooper

Hymn of vengeance: Antony Sher as the malcontent joker Vindice in *The Revenger's Tragedy*

The show projects a self-created world, starkly divided between the wronged revengers and their pampered oppressors. *On comes the* court, radiating infernal lustre as they perform an opening pavane like so many glistening spiders. Then up pops Antony Sher's ragged Vindice through the floorboards, crooning a *hymn of vengeance to the* skull of his Gloriana.

Thereafter the production avidly embraces the equation of sexual pleasure and political corruption, and gets down to individualizing the ducal *snake-pit before allowing* Vindice to polish them off.

Most appealing is Phil Daniels as the incestuous bastard who breaks into courtly fra*ternal choruses with gruff* inquiries like "Old dad dead?". The two plotting brothers (Mike Dowling and Jim Hooper) come over like the Ugly Sisters clinging to each other in panic.

It is Nicholas Farrell, as the lecherous heir apparent Lussurioso, who reveals the full force of these character types. Seldom raising his honeyed voice, he controls everyone in sight with the contemptuous affability of supreme power: and it comes as a great shock whenever he is seen off guard, swooping on his adulterous mother-in-law (Julie Legrand) to yank the flaming red wig from her death's head.

Sher's Vindice is not in the same class. It is the performance of a trickster in which you cannot separate the actor from the character. Some of the tricks are dazzlingly agile, and no one is faster than Sher in converting a moment of horror into one of burlesque.

Others are not more than crudely energetic, as where he goes into courtly disguise as a black-crested *desperado of a* kind most unlikely to win favour with the super-sensitive Lussurioso. Vindice, if I *understand him, starts off* with a mission and overreaches himself in carrying it out. With Sher, the only *visible mission is to seize the* spectators' attention.

Irving Wardle

Fine passion ruined by romance

Don Carlos

Royal Exchange, Manchester

Over-emphasis on the importance of romance has mucked up many a good idea for a play, and the worst offenders are the Romantic playwrights.

Schiller's famous early drama, 200 years *old this autumn, contains* scenes of riveting interest between man and man, and, as Nicholas Hytner's production superbly reveals, has an *Act 3 confrontation between Philip II* of Spain and his son-substitute, the heretic Posa, that is one of the most thrilling scenes in dramatic literature.

On a stage composed of what appear to be tiles of black slate, sparsely furnished with black seats and an altar, the grim King discovers that rarity in Spain, a man who speaks from the heart.

Like our own Richard III, Philip's role in history is to be the bogeyman, and Ian McDiarmid's performance quarries out of the abrupt changes of royal mood a familiar black humour. Seeing into the crooked hearts of his courtiers, he can keep them constantly on the hop. We appreciate their terror yet relish the mental agility that inspires it.

The speeches of private grief break from McDiarmid in a voice resonant and tough as beaten metal, tormented, scorching, uttered without hope of comfort. So that in the scene where he meets the ardent young Posa of Reece Dinsdale, and hears humanity in his voice, it is like winter finding spring.

But the charge of these explosions of passion is romantic love. Philip's son Carlos (Michael Grandage) longs for his father's second wife; Philip's young mistress sighs for Carlos; and Schiller is the man of his age in grounding political action in the impulses of the beating heart. For 30 minutes in the second half the King is absent from the stage, speeches inflate with wordy abstractions, and the play floats back into the 18th century.

The costumes (designed by Richard Hudson) are sumptuous; and down the long slate corridor that bisects the open stage courtiers come clattering, intent on royal duties. The conviction of a palace at work is total.

And in the shorter exchanges, James Maxwell's new translation puts lively speech in place of the old formality. Carlos says to his old man: "A young lad, you know how it is, sometimes wants a heart to heart talk with his father." This is unusually colloquial but admirably fresh. On a par with it is one of Posa's last lines: "Oh, but life is lovely!" — unmistakably the cry of Peter Pan in a land where Captain Hook stays King.

Jeremy Kingston

Mahler magic

PROMS

Vienna PO/ Bernstein

Albert Hall/Radio 3

The story of how Leonard Bernstein opened the Book of Revelation for the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra is well known. Quite simply, these players never performed Mahler until Bernstein persuaded them that his music was not all that bad. Now they do, wonderfully. This performance of the Fifth Symphony had incomparable beauties.

More rarely considered is this orchestra's effect on Bernstein. His is still an unmistakable, mesmeric reading, of course. Much is taken audaciously slowly, allowing every dynamic an expressionist impact; the complex textures are shaped into high drama; the pain or pleasure of each passing moment is writ large.

But the interpretation (and, indeed, the *maestro's gestures*) had noticeably fewer histrionics than usual. Where Bernstein once cultivated extreme *neurosis there is now a rich,* racing excitement; where he indulged whims he now searches for simpler, perhaps deeper, truth.

It is hard to believe that this change is unconnected with the sheer tonal nobility which this orchestra makes available to the (very few) conductors it really admires. One was prepared for the strings' stunning tone and breathtaking nuances in the Adagietto. That cast a spell over this massive hall, and as the horn-note signalled its close 7,000 people *let out an audible sigh.* More unexpected was the way this orchestra made the thickest textures sound so luminous; a quality perceptible even in the first movement's shock chords. It has something to do with the strings' habit of attacking the nub of a phrase, then fading into a silky sheen. The wind's gloriously mellow balances must contribute too.

But most of all, one suspects, it is about an unsurpassable sense of internal balance: players listening, giving way, then grasping the initiative in a sophisticated and endless flux.

Earlier, the principal clarinettist, Peter Schmidl, played the Mozart Concerto. Schmidl's father was the VPO's principal clarinettist before him, and his grandfather before that. Grandfather was appointed by Mahler himself. And so on. Schmidl did seem to rest on his family's laurels a little easily in this smooth but anodyne performance.

Richard Morrison

BBC Singers/ Poole

St Paul's, Knightsbridge/ Radio 3

Perhaps it was coincidence, or perhaps the new work was a celebration of the fact that this concert was the last of this year's Proms to happen away from the Albert Hall's ample confines, where so often adventure still incurs risk with audience figures. Whatever the case, Robert Saxton's *I Will Awake The Dawn*, scored for double choir and taking its *Latin Vulgate text from the* Psalms, reassuringly continues his policy of composing above all with his instincts. *His style, however, is personal* enough to ensure that his realization of a seemingly straightforward concept, a *path from darkness to light, is* rich and complex.

Saxton enjoys building his textures over a firm base, as he does in his first section. Such a technique helps to lay firm tonal foundations, here upon a long-held low A, before the liberating complex contrapuntal activity of the second section. Celebratory gestures, for instance some ebullient antiphonal exchanges, fast triplet rhythms evoking mediaeval polyphony, and the unexpected shocking unisons, complete the transformation to radiant light, and the work ends where it should, on a blazing D major chord.

Saxton's music may have a sure sense of line, but his polychromatic language and his predeliction for dense counterpoints must make this piece difficult to sing. The 28 voices of the BBC Singers under John Poole's direction made a confident job of it, as they later did of the Choral Dances from Britten's *Gloriana.*

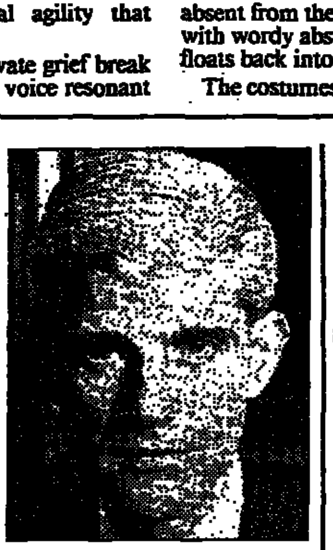
Stephen Pettitt

The opera season should have opened at Covent Garden tonight, but because of a pay dispute the theatre is dark.

Richard Morrison explains the issues

Chorus of discontent

Sir John Sainsbury: keen to appear tough



Peter Jonas: too generous a settlement?

A closed theatre on the opening of a new opera season, as Covent Garden will be tonight, is always distressing, though hardly a new phenomenon. Both the Royal Opera and English National Opera have lost runs of performances through industrial disputes in the last decade, particularly in the late 1970s.

Nevertheless, the present ROH chorus dispute is unusually important. The difference between the two sides is small in bald financial terms: the ROH management, which has already moved from a three to a five per cent offer, needs offer the 69 members perhaps only a further £2 on their weekly basic wage for a settlement to be reached. But with the Arts Council (which offered just a 2 per cent rise in the ROH's grant this year) threatening a standstill grant next time, with seat prices now pushed as high as they will go, with an annual £1.3 million deficit looming, and with a new chairman, Sir John Sainsbury, keen to make a tough impression, the Opera House is under intense pressure not to give way. It has become a test case.

The management view is that, when overtime and extras such as the "foreign language" and "dancing" allowances are taken into account, chorus members are earning much more than the £9,000 a year basic salary. The talented and very presentable may notch up an extra £6,000 or so.

The ROH Chorus, however, looks enviously at the ROH Orchestra (which settled last week for a 4 per cent rise), whose members are paid some £50 a week more in basic salary for fewer sessions, and with more opportunities for teaching and freelance work than is available to a chorus member.

But this is dictated by market forces. There are seven symphonic-sized, top-quality orchestras in London; a good violinist can pick and choose. A typical ROH chorus member has probably neither the right training nor indeed the right figure to enter the chorus-line of a West End musical.

A more pertinent weapon is the comparison with the ENO Chorus; the "leapfrog" principle has been a mainstay of Equity's negotiating tactics with both managements for years (last year, the ROH offered its chorus a package worth perhaps 15 *per cent* — and the ENO Chorus murmured discontent).

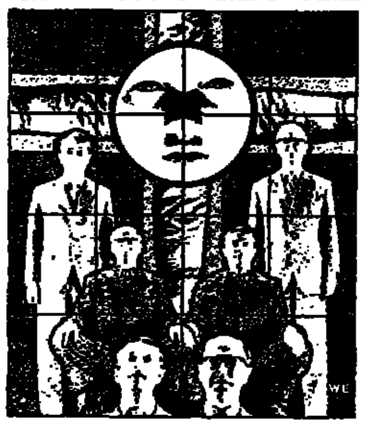
The deal which Peter Jonas, *ENO's managing director,* offered his chorus certainly looks unusually charitable — and it has caused consternation among opera managements throughout Britain. Equity claims that the ENO chorus is getting a 9.3 per cent rise, taking them to £190 a week (compared with £176 currently at the ROH). Jonas points out, however, that this is a two-year settlement, linked to productivity clauses; that his company gives 210 opera performances a season against 140 at Covent Garden; and that — most crucially — the agreement incorporates "a revolutionary new flexibility" in house agreements.

Jonas is now allowed to split his 76-strong chorus into two groups. Different productions can be rehearsed simultaneously, and still only be counted as one chorus session. But it has not escaped sharp eyes that in two of the ENO's three new opening productions there is no adult chorus, and that their role in most of the revivals between now and Christmas is not exactly powerful.

Could the two-group system be the basis for an ROH agreement? Unfortunately not. At Covent Garden the presence of the Royal Ballet complicates matters; with fewer nights to fill, the Royal Opera does not really *need* the flexibility. And the ROH management has other complications to ponder. The spur of £42,000 a night in lost ticket revenue is not negligible.

Equity is well aware that, when the Musicians Union called out the ROH Orchestra on strike in 1985, an "anonymous donation" saved the season. That donation, so convenient at the time, could rebound awkwardly for the ROH now. Another difficulty is that the stagehands' and electricians' union, BETA, is yet to begin pay negotiations with the ROH, and will be watching this settlement closely.

Moreover, even if the pay question is satisfactorily settled, the problem facing the Royal Opera's newly-appointed opera director, Paul Findlay, is the larger one of artistic standards, morale and discipline within the chorus. Four chorus-masters in quick succession speaks for itself; the problem of this chorus's age range needs to be tackled; and a realistic appraisal made of how this chorus would cope with more adventurous production styles. For the moment, however, such crucial matters take second place.



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Sondheim's culture clash

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Pacific Overtures

Coliseum

A funny thing has happened on the way to the Coliseum. In the commercial theatre of New York, at its first performance in 1974 and again a decade later, *Pacific Overtures* was a financial disaster, and yet English National Opera clearly expect it to be for them the box-office success they need once in a while, despite (but also perhaps in order to justify) public funding and, in this case, generous sponsorship from BHS.

If you're in the business of making money, Sondheim is obviously not your man. But if you want to lose carefully, he may be.

This seems altogether a right judgement of his artistic personality, as exposed so forcibly in *Pacific Overtures.* For the principal subject is not the westernization of Japan; nor is the work quite plausible, despite the attractiveness of the composer's notion: the creation of an imaginary Japanese musician who saw some Broadway shows and took back a few hints for a new way of doing kabuki.

The real culture clash is within Sondheim himself, and is the clash between a creativity rooted in show music and an intellectual contempt of the bourgeois taste for which that musical language was designed.

The obvious way to resolve that clash is through parody, and the most successful number in *Pacific Overtures* is "Please Hello", which plays with musical and dramatic stereotypes of five national characters.

In Keith Warner's production this goes with great gusto, and the costumes by Marie-Jeanne Lecca are riotously convincing as kabuki imita*tions of western naval uni*forms: this is exactly what the work of Sondheim's imaginary composer might have *looked like*, and its only fault is in making one miss the music of that work.

Still, there are lively performances from Alan Woodrow as the drawling American (otherwise, and with complete effectiveness, the pronunciation is cispacific throughout the show), Eric Roberts as the patter-singing Gilbertian Brit, Paul Strathearn as the Dutchman, Ian Conboy as the sleek Russian, and Harry Nicoll as the Frenchman, high-kicking his way out of Offenbach.

Zoe Dominic

Narrative with style: Richard Angas walking a tightrope over archness in *Pacific Overtures*

But where parody is not available as a means, the work's tone is much less secure. Certainly Sondheim uses conventional types of songs to unconventional effect, often with the aid of his characteristic clever rhyming.

In "A Bowler Hat", for instance, deadpan strophes are used to tell not of the progress of a romantic entanglement but of the corrupting modernization of a Japanese, and "Chrysanthemum Tea" is an elaborate tease of piled-up rhymes in Cole-Porterish style, beautifully enunciated here by Simon Masterton-Smith.

Sondheim also enjoys the irony of putting suggestive words into the mouth of an innocent vocal style, as in "Welcome To Kanagawa". However, what really seems lacking is a musical sophistication capable of ambiguity, and this the Broadway style cannot supply.

Without it, much of *Pacific Overtures* sounds like having your cake and eating it: the work scorns such vulgarities as the hit number, but is content with the tedious convention of using a final forte to cue applause, or with a Philistine view of Japanese quaintness barely distinguishable from that of *The Mikado.*

There are times when the production can supply an irony missing in the score. The finale, for instance, sounds far too much like the kind of advertising gimmick it is presumably meant to send up, and only Mr Warner's motor cycle Valkyries saved the day.

His touch is also sure, despite a few technical hitches, in the main part of the opera, where Ralph Koltai's elegant sets and Miss Lecca's *flamboyant costumes provide* for a theatrical effect drawing positively on Japanese style. All this is helped by the stage *instrumentalists: the percus*sionist Joji Hirota and the shakuhachi player Yoshikazu Iwamoto, whose playing at the *start suggests* the bassoon of *The Rite of Spring.*

The pit orchestra is in the hands of James Holmes, and sounds authentically vibrant. Richard Angas walks a tightrope over archness with superb accomplishment as the narrator, and *Malcolm* Rivers is excellent in the main part of Kayama: there can be no doubt that opera singers can *adapt themselves to this sort* of work with total success, or that the ENO, for the virtues of the production and perfor*mance, will indeed have a* popular hit to sustain them through the autumn.

Paul Griffiths

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REVIEW

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Coward's new crowd

Written in the days when grand hotels were still grand, an unpublished play by Noel Coward will have its London premiere at the Royalty Theatre tomorrow. Entitled *Semi-Monde* and set at the Ritz Hotel in Paris during the 1920s. it is said to have remained untouched — apart from a bizarre production at the Glasgow Citizens Theatre in 1977 — because nobody could afford to pay a cast of 57.

Indeed. few could afford to finance the combined talents of Judi Dench, Patricia Hodge. Joanna Lumley. Jane Asher. Simon Cadell. Adam Faith and many more — but this one-off performance is in aid of theatrical charities and also precedes a surprise — and secret — presentation to a well-known personality.

Comedy box

The Theatre of Comedy, whose farces once filled the West End, has formed an independent television production company to operate alongside stage ventures.

These productions will feature, among others, the company's founder members Paul Eddington, John Alderton and Liza Goddard. Despite two recent flops, stage comedies will continue — if they can be found — and Cooney is currently penning another oeuvre.

● The splendid Michelin Building in South Kensington is to be the star of an exhibition by the Royal Institute of British Architects. Original drawings dating from 1909 have been brought over from the tyre firm's French archives and will go on public view for the first time at RIBA's Heinz Gallery in Portman Square in November.

Curtain up

Lynne/Lloyd Webber

Another hole has just been torn in the Iron Curtain by choreographer and director Gillian Lynne. Her Vienna production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical *Cats* was transported in its entirety, down to the last kitten, by jumbo jet to East Berlin and performed as part of the city's 750th anniversary celebrations.

"They had never seen anything like it. They adored it — it made the front pages of all the newspapers," Miss Lynne enthused.

Swan along

Back in Britain, an intriguing *pas de deux* is being prepared by the Russians and London's Entertainment Corporation — a new joint production of *Swan Lake*. Sets and costumes will come from the corporation, and artistry from members of the Moscow Classical Ballet. The first results of this extraordinary East-West collaboration will be seen when the Moscow Classical visits Britain next summer.

Lynda Murdin

Music in all its colour

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Berg, Webern, Schoenberg: Orchestral pieces. Berlin PO/Levine. DG 419 718-2 (CD, also on black disc)
Smetana: Ma vlast. Vienna PO/Levine. DG 419 768-2 (two CDs, also on two black discs)
Saint-Saens: Symphony No.3, Dukas: L'Apprenti Sorcier. Berlin PO/Levine. DG 419 617-2 (CD, also on black disc)
Sibelius, Dvořák: Violin concertos. Mintz, Berlin PO/Levine. DG 419 618-2 (CD, also on black disc)

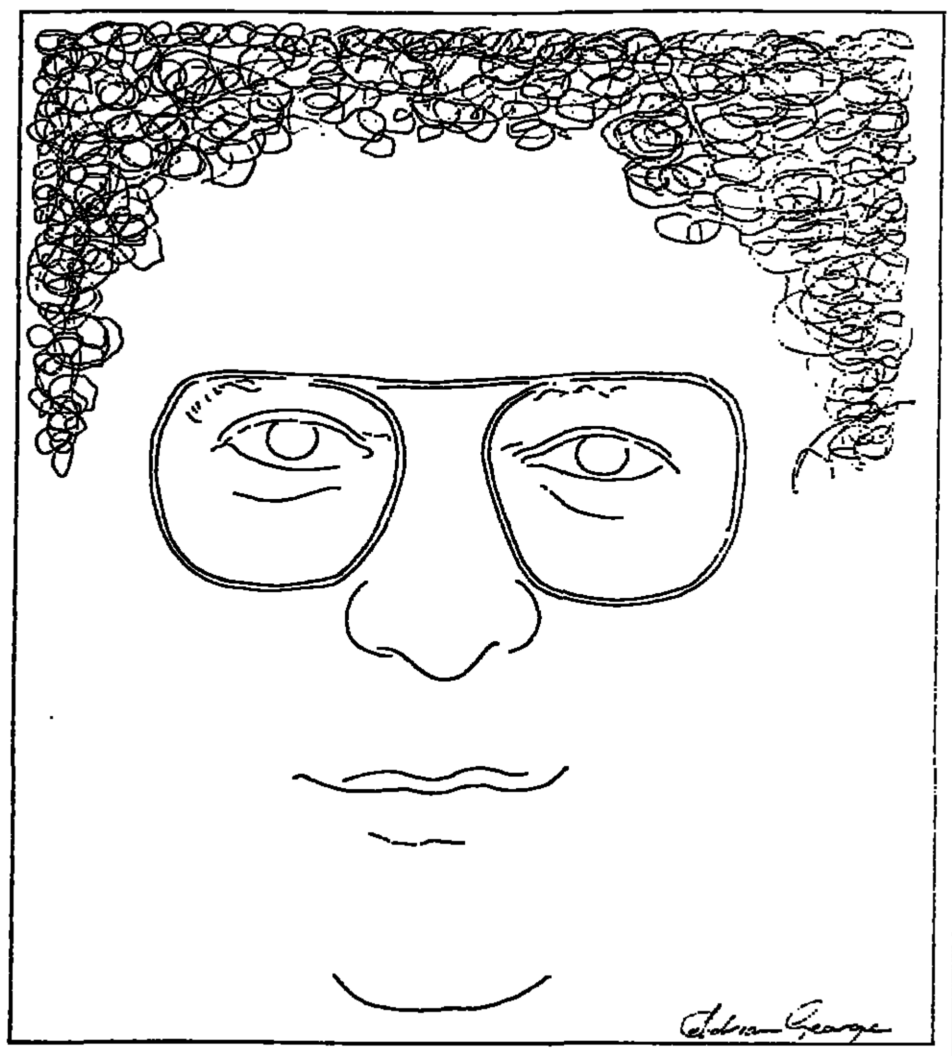
Berg's Three Orchestral Pieces, Webern's Six and Schoenberg's Five make a perfect record programme: they all date from the few years leading up to the First World War, and they all register that time of cultural catastrophe for imperial Vienna in their richly ironic Mahlerian echoes of march, military signal and waltz. They also share in the explosion of sensibility that was the new broaching of atonality.

They have of course been recorded together before, notably by Dorati in a long-valued version, and by Karajan. Interpretatively, James Levine's new recording is not in that class. He has problems with long melodies: acceleration, or more often sustained crescendo, is regularly his substitute for extended phrasing, whether he is playing Schoenberg or Smetana. There is also a not unconnected lack of sophistication, which afflicts the Berg in particular: plainly delivered, the melodic lines wander on as if blind to the expressive prevarications and the historical consciousness that ought to be theirs.

As a result, perhaps surprisingly, it is the Webern that has the most satisfactory performance. Given melodic motifs that last for only six or seven notes, Levine can cosset and cherish, and the music's miniature expressions blossom. The Webern pieces also benefit from the background silence of CD reproduction, and from a very full dynamic range, bringing a tremendous close to the funeral march. This aspect of the recording is also important to the Berg: the emergence of the first piece from nothingness can never have been bettered on disc, nor can the fury of the march have been achieved with such clarity.

Levine's strengths are perhaps better displayed in new recordings of Smetana and Saint-Saens, two composers whose music gains much from his highly charged, full-colour style, from his ability to attain a Mozartian polished delicacy, and from his essentially naive approach. His performances of the *Ma vlast* cycle, for instance, are enormously impressive as feasts of tone-painting and refulgent playing, especially from the Vienna woodwind, whether as soloists or, in Bohemia's woods and fields, as an ensemble. But none of the pieces is more than a sequence of gorgeous, powerful or startling episodes.

Saint-Saens's "Organ" Symphony is much more successful. One may wonder whether such a cultivated composer meant this blockbuster entirely seriously, but Levine is surely right to play it for all it's worth, helped by Simon Preston pulling out all the stops in the finale. The Mahlerian atmosphere of the slow movement is persuasively maintained; only a few touches of excessive dynamism in the scherzo become a shade incredible. Levine also offers a sumptuous *Sorcerer's Apprentice*, if one in which the magic and mystery suffer some Disney-style vulgarization. All in all, this is the most successful issue of the batch.



Highly charged: James Levine cherishes the melodic motif for a polished delicacy

The coupling of the Sibelius and Dvořák violin concertos is inevitably and rightly dominated by the mellifluous, bright-toned and musically imaginative solo performances by Shlomo Mintz. However, even he is unable to make the Dvořák concerto altogether remarkable, and since several other versions of the Sibelius are due on CD, it would be as well to wait.

Paul Griffiths

English, our English

PAPERBACKS

The Story of English, by Robert McCrum, William Cran, and Robert MacNeil (Faber,£8.95).

This is the lively book of last year's television series, which puts a girdle round about the world language in 400 pages. Many books on English concentrate on tidy written or local English rather than the teeming, unmanageable, spoken and written present: on Shakespeare and Noah Webster rather than Caribbean creole and space-speak. With the resources of the BBC this book has been at a great feast of language and stolen some of the scraps, inspired by first-hand sound recordings of a great variety of contemporary English from all the round earth's talkers and speakers of the world language.

As the series and narrative unfold, speakers of Standard British English sometimes take second place to various kinds of outsider — the Scots, the Irish, the Founding Fathers, the Blacks, the Jews. The book explodes myths: that the accent of Merseyside is attributable to blocked noses and bad colds; to the racist slur that Blacks talk the way they do because they have thick lips. It deals with dialect and grammar, pronunciation and jargon, history and "Whither English?" It is a counterblast to the reactionary gurus of grammar (usually journalists rather than academics) who assert that English is going to the dogs, and that all we need is a return to the three Rs and Victorian values. English belongs to all of us, to peasants as well as professors, to poets as well as television presenters. The sensible and true message of the book is that the great river of the English languages cannot be controlled by nostalgia or turned back by reactionaries.

Philip Howard

LITERARY EDITOR'S SELECTION

FICTION
Last Exit to Brooklyn, by Hubert Selby jr (Paladin, £3.95) Famous, sensational account of homosexuality, violence, and proletarian hard times; not a suitable present for Aunt Edna, but truthful, not titillating, about evil and morality.
Multatuli, by Max Havelaar, translated with notes by Roy Edwards (Penguin Classics, £4.95) Classic indictment of Dutch colonialism and barbarity in Java, first published in 1860.
Perfume, by Patrick Süskind, translated by John.E. Woods (Penguin, £3.95) Horrid Gothic historical melodrama.
The Camomile, by Catherine Carswell (Virago, £3.95) Semi-autobiographical novel by D.H. Laurence's friend, written in form of a journal by interesting, musical Glaswegian young women.
NON-FICTION
A Property-Owning Democracy?, by M.J. Daunton (Faber, £3.95) Original study of the debate on housing in Britain.
Freedom's Own Island, by Arthur Bryant (Grafton, £5.95) Volume two of his last history, from Agincourt to Waterloo, treating Britain's imperial expansion.
Christianity and the World Religions, by Hans Küng, translated by Peter Heinegg (Fount, £5.95) Christian dialogue with specialists on Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism.

Jagger come lately

Mick Jagger: Primitive Cool (CBS 460123)

ROCK RECORDS

Mick Jagger has come late to the business of making his own records, and has some way to go before he emerges from the extraordinarily long shadow cast by his achievements with the Rolling Stones.

Produced with assistance from Eurythmics' Dave Stewart, *Primitive Cool* is in part a reaction against what Jagger now sees as the narrowly aggressive range of musical activity available to him within the Stones. The tone of the title track is one of misty reflection as he imagines the kind of rose-tinted questions his grandchildren might put to him about bohemian lifestyles in the Fifties and Sixties, while "Party Doll", in a similarly contemplative vein, finds the sounds of fiddle and harmonica bolstering a dolorous folk-influenced melody.

But Jagger's unmistakably slobbish vocal style and irreverent, roughneck persona inevitably gain the upper hand, albeit within a framework of buoyant pop songs, like "Throwaway" and the nagging single "Let's Work", that elicit crack performances from a band including Jeff Beck and Simon Phillips. While it pales beside the hard authority of a collection like *Dirty Work*, Jagger will have no obvious cause for embarrassment in accounting for *Primitive Cool* to his grandchildren when the time comes.

David Sinclair

The slob rules: Mick Jagger

Kindred keyboard spirits

JAZZ RECORDS

Jaki Byard & Howard Riley Live at the Royal Festival Hall (Leo LR 133)

Reaching out to each other across boundaries of geography and generation, the pianists Jaki Byard and Howard Riley performed together on the South Bank one night in the summer of 1984. *Live at the Royal Festival Hall*, the record of that meeting, sounds very much like the jazz keyboard event of 1987.

Riley, a Yorkshireman who made his reputation in the London avant-garde scene of the early Seventies with a style owing something to both Cecil Taylor and Paul Bley, opens the LP with 15 minutes of the most consistently inventive and accessible playing I have heard from him. This is a warm and varied exposition, highlighted around the mid-point by a sudden incursion of dramatic left-hand walking bass supporting a thrilling right-hand invention. His ending is a quiet marvel of dramatic diminuendo.

Byard, best known for his work with Charles Mingus and renowned for his encyclopaedic approach to the jazz piano tradition, responds with two shorter pieces. One of them, Mingus's "Peggy's Blue Skylight", is explored with the grace of a Teddy Wilson and the technical splendour of an Art Tatum.

The pair join forces on the second side, choosing a couple of Monk tunes as the vehicle for their dialogue. "Round Midnight" takes its time emerging from an eerie night mist of treble figurations before settling into a relaxed stroll. By contrast, "Straight No Chaser" is short, sharp and swinging.

Richard Williams

CHESS

Sealing a Spanish fate

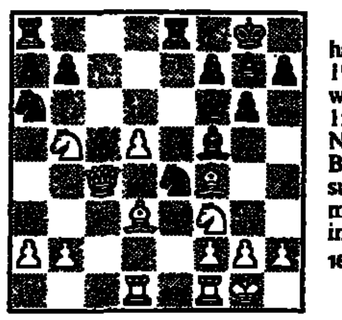
Kasparov and Karpov are now in strict training for the fourth bout of their marathon world title battle, due to start next month in Seville. Last time, Karpov caused great excitement as White with the so-called "Russian Variation" (5 Qb3) against Kasparov's favourite Grunfeld. Game 19 was in this respect a particular triumph for the former champion.

In the past year Kasparov's Stakhanovite assistants have been quarrying in the theory mines to unearth an effective antidote. This week's game, a barely noticed win by Kasparov from a display in the USSR earlier this year, may well contain the gem so sought after by the champion.

White: Djandjava; Black: Kasparov.

Grunfeld Defence.

1 d4	Nf6	2 c4	g6
3 Nc3	d5	4 Nf3	Bg7
5 Qb3	dxc4	6 Qxc4	0-0
7 e4	Na6	8 Be2	c5
9 d5	e6	10 0-0	exd5
11 exd5	Bf5	12 Bf4	Re8
13 Rad1	Ne4	14 Nb5	Qf6
15 Bd3			



15 ... Red8!

The position after 15 Bd3 had occurred in game 19 of the 1986 world championship, where Kasparov had lost after 15 ... Nb4? 16 Nc7 Nxd3 17 Nxe8 Rxe8 18 Qxd3 Qxb2. Black's compensation was not sufficient. Kasparov's 15th move here is a vital innovation.

16 Rde1

Kasparov's young opponent continues in Karpovian style, but is now buffeted by a series of super-sharp tactics.

16 ...	Qxb2	17 Nc7	Nxc7
18 Bxc7	Nd2	19 Rxe8+	Rxe8
20 Nxd2	Qxd2	21 Bxf5	gxf5
22 g3	Bd4	23 d6	Re1
24 Kg2	Rxf1	25 Qxf1	Qxa2
26 Qb5	Kg7	27 Kh3	Qd5
28 Qe8	Qc4	29 Kg2	Qc2
30 Qe1	Qe4	31 Qd2	Qc6+
32 f3	Bf6		

White resigns.

For anyone who wants to see Kasparov v Karpov IV, ECO Safaris (01-370 5032) is organizing package tours to Seville in October.

Raymond Keene

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CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1359

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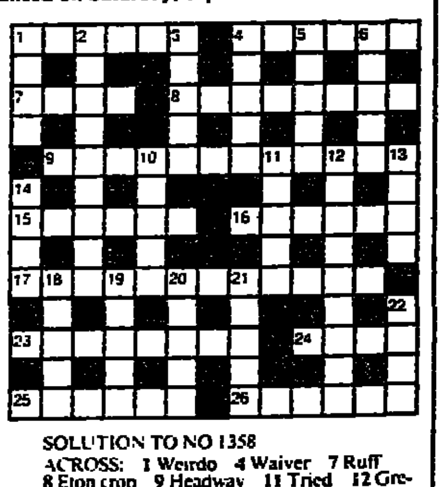

ACROSS
- 1 Swell (6)
- 4 George Fox follower (6)
- 7 Toil (4)
- 8 Constrictor (8)
- 9 Pursuit of Love author (5,7)
- 15 Trickster (6)
- 16 Gamble (4-2)
- 17 Car mechanic (6,6)
- 23 Vit B1 deficiency disease (8)
- 24 Telephone disc (4)
- 25 Climb (6)
- 26 Vocal chords organ (6)

DOWN
- 1 Simple (4)
- 2 Breed (9)
- 3 Events record (5)
- 4 As it (5)
- 5 Distant, lofty (5)
- 6 Tribal senior (5)
- 10 Checkmate game (5)
- 11 Prickle (5)
- 12 Disgusting thing (9)
- 13 Cheat (4)
- 14 Hoodlum (4)
- 18 Smells (5)
- 19 Nimble (5)
- 20 Make great effort (5)
- 21 Bay window (5)
- 22 Bend (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1358
ACROSS: 1 Weirdo 4 Waiver 7 Ruff 8 Eton crop 9 Headway 11 Tried 12 Gregorian tone 15 Ratty 16 Piranha 20 Cherwell 21 Lima 22 Reefer 23 Recede.

DOWN: 1 Wart hog 2 Infra 3 Opera 4 Wood 5 Vertigo 6 Rapid 10 Woozy 11 Tenor 13 Extreme 14 Emanate 15 Recur 17 Idler 18 Noise 19 Scar.

The winners of prize concise No 1353 are: Mrs I. Fylle, Cannock Avenue, Layton, Blackpool, Lancs; and Anthony Ratcliffe, Farmadine, Saffron Walden, Essex.

SOLUTION TO NO 1353 (last Saturday's prize concise)

ACROSS: 1 Look in 4 Flashy 7 View 8 Mangrove 9 Edith Sitwell 15 Charse 16 Rotten 17 Battering ram 23 Comeback 24 Pile 25 Seldom 26 Desert.

DOWN: 1 Lava 2 Overdraft 3 Nymph 4 Fungi 5 Arrow 6 Hovel 10 Taste 11 Thong 12 Extra time 13 Lint 14 Scab 18 Abode 19 Trend 20 Realm 21 Naked 22 Seat.

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BRIDGE

European power play

The 38th European Championships which were played at Brighton in August must be judged a great success. The organization by the EBU under the capable leadership of Keith Stanley was commendable; the playing conditions excellent; and the Vu-graph, complemented by live action pictures of the players, invariably attracted an enthusiastic audience to listen to a variety of informed commentators.

Britain's team enjoyed mixed fortunes. The women won a bronze medal, but unfortunately failed to qualify to defend their world championship, the Venice Cup.

The British men, who if there were betting on bridge would have been freely offered at 100/6, surprised everyone by finishing in a split tie for 2nd place. As they had defeated Norway, with whom they tied, they won the silver medal and will travel to Ocho Rios in October, in an attempt to win the World Championship for the first time since 1955.

It is ten years since I last played in the European Championship in Halsingborg. Sweden were the winners then, as they were this year. But much has changed, especially the systems. Today even the smaller countries are adopting weird and sophisticated new weapons. The balance of power has shifted, too. Who could imagine the mighty Italians finishing in 16th place?

Apart from Sweden, the other Scandinavian countries performed most creditably, none better than the Norwegians, whose average age is 27, which I believe makes them the youngest team to represent any country.

Britain were challenging strongly for the title when they met Sweden in round 21. Unhappily Sheehan and I chose this vital match to put on our worst performance of the tournament. The Swedes played well, so only our best would have sufficed; as it was, we deservedly lost 24-6.

Knocked off our perch, it was left to Forrester-Brock, Armstrong-Kirby to defeat Italy comprehensively in the penultimate round, thus restoring our chance of the silver medal, and, more significantly, a place in the World Championship.

With one round to play, there were four contenders for 2nd place. Norway, who enjoyed a 5 VP lead over us, were playing the Netherlands. We were two points ahead of Iceland, who were playing against us. France, who were 6 VPs behind us, were playing Sweden.

At half time our prospects had improved. France, losing heavily to Sweden, were out of contention. We were 7 IMPs ahead of Iceland and the Netherlands were beating Norway by 33 IMPs. The Vu-graph audience were able to watch the match between Britain and Iceland and keep in touch with the Norway-Netherlands clash. With eight boards to play, all seemed well. We were 21 ahead of Iceland and the Netherlands were 60 ahead of Norway.

Those last eight boards certainly had the audience on the edge of their seats. The Norwegians rallied to such effect that Britain needed to gain 7 IMPs on this last board to force a split tie with Norway.

Britain v Iceland. North-South game. Dealer North.

North
♠ 10 9 5
♡ 9 6 2
♢ J 4 3 2
♣ K 6 2

West
♠ A J 8 6 2
♡ K J 7 4 3
♢ Q 9
♣ Q

East
♠ Q 7 4
♡ —
♢ 10 7 5
♣ A J 10 9 5 4 3

South
♠ K 3
♡ A Q 10 8 5
♢ A K 8 6
♣ 8 7

In the closed room the exchanges took this form:

W	N	E	S
Absjomsson	Sheehan	Jorgenson	Flint
—	1♣(1)	2NT(2)	Double
3♣(3)	No	No	3♡
No	No	No	—

(1) Usually, as here, equivalent to pass.
(2) A pre-empt in an undisclosed suit.
(3) Content to play in three clubs if that is East's suit.

The defence started with the ♣Q and switched to the Ace and another spade. Winning the ♠K, I put West on play by leading the ♡Q. West got off play with the ♠J, which I ruffed. When I played three rounds of diamonds, West was forced to ruff. His best continuation would have been a trump: instead he played a spade, allowing me to ruff in dummy, while I discarded a club from my hand. Now when I ruffed a club with the ♡8, West could choose his poison. If he overruffed and played a trump I could enjoy the last diamond, whereas a spade would give me the remainder on cross-ruff lines. If he discarded his spade I would play a diamond, end-playing him in trumps.

In the open room Forrester found a killer bid.

W	N	E	S
Brock	Baldurson	Forrester	Sverrisson
—	No	3♣	3♡
No	No	Double	No
No	No	—	—

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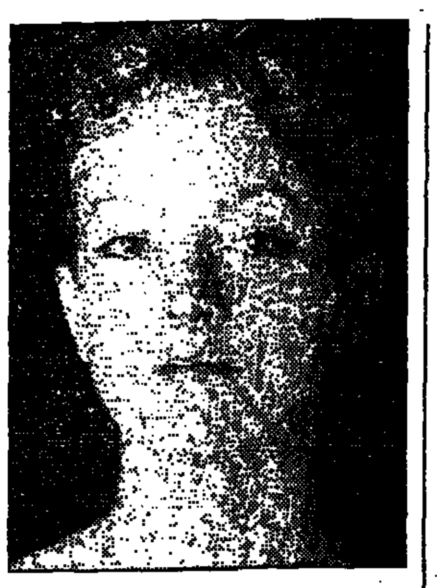
THE WEEK AHEAD

CONCERTS

RULE, PROM MANIA!: Mark Elder, music director of the English National Opera, takes the baton with the BBC *Symphony Orchestra for the last* night of the Proms. The programme mixes works traditional on this occasion, like *Rule, Britannia!* and *Jerusalem*, with the Piano Concerto No 1 by Liszt, Leonard Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*, and the Spitfire Prelude by William Walton. Royal Albert Hall (01-589 8212). All seats are sold but there is live coverage on BBC2 and BBC1, and Radio 3.

GALLERIES

COUNTRY LIFE: John Piper, *now* 83, is the nearest this century has come to finding a replacement for the old *topographical draughtsman. Over his* long career Piper has been commissioned to paint, in his *uniquely atmospheric style,* countless country homes and their estates. Fifty watercolours done since 1939 have been collected together for an exhibition marking the Golden Jubilee of the Georgian Group. Georgian Arcadia is on show at Marlborough Fine Art, London W1 (01-629 5161), from Wednesday.



DANCE

YOUTH MOVEMENT: Lucy Bethune *is one of the dancer/choreographers* taking part in the London workshop *season of the Rambert Dance* Company, in which dancers are collaborating with young artists and *composers. She will be creating a* new work to music by Ligeti and with designs by Richard Deacon, who is *known for his large sculptures in* wood and metal and has been shortlisted for the 1987 Turner Prize. Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, London W6 (01-748 3354), Wednesday to Saturday.

ROCK

ROVER'S RETURN: David Essex, last sighted as a swashbuckling Fletcher Christian in the musical, *Mutiny On The Bounty*, returns to the concert stage to undertake a 50-date tour of Britain. Unlike the character in his films *That'll Be The Day* and *Stardust*, he has made a smooth transition from Seventies' teen idol to family entertainer. Tuesday, Pavilion, Glasgow (041 332 1846); Wednesday, Music Hall, Aberdeen (0224 641122); Thursday, Usher Hall, Edinburgh (031 228 1155); Friday, Newcastle City Hall (091 261 2606).

BOOKS

LANDED GENTRY: Emma Tennant describes some rum goings-on at a grand country house over a weekend in 1953, seen through the wide eyes of a clever Notting Hill Gate girl. A naked woman runs out of the shrubbery in the moonlight. A drunken guest spouts blasphemy and class hatred in the drawing-room before dinner. The hostess bathes nude in the garden pond with one of her visitors. What can be going on? Sharp and entertaining social satire in *The House of Hospitalities* (Viking, £10.95, September 17), that's what.

THEATRE

EX-KING: Martin Shaw, who was last in the West End as Elvis Presley in *Are You Lonesome Tonight?*, plays a Hollywood star subjected to blackmailing persuasion by his studio boss in Clifford Odets's drama *The Big Knife*. This is directed by Robin Lefèvre, who not only directed Shaw as Elvis but in another Odets play, *The Country Girl*. James B. Sikking, from the TV series *Hill Street Blues*, plays the studio head, and Gayle Hunnicutt is also featured. Albery (01-836 3878), previews from Tuesday, opens September 21.

THEATRE

AMBULANCE: Lindsay Posner directs a play by Gregory Motton, set among the dispossessed and apparently hopeless homeless of today's world.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court (01-730 2445). From Thurs.

BEYOND REASONABLE DOUBT: Jeffrey Archer's first stage play is a courtroom drama in which a QC is accused of murdering his wife. *David Gilmore directs* Frank Finlay, Wendy Craig, David Langton, Andrew Cruickshank, *Jeffry Wickham.*
Queen's (01-734 1166/0261). Royal Gala Preview Wed. *Other previews from Thurs.* Opens Sept 22.

COMEDIANS: First major *London revival* of Trevor Griffiths's bitter play since its 1975 debut. David Thacker *directs Mark McGann, with* Bert Parnaby.
Young Vic (01-928 6363). From Thurs. *Press night* Sept 21.

GROUCHO: A LIFE IN REVUE: Written by Arthur Marx (son of *Groucho) and Robert Fisher*, this musical entertainment features its New York cast, *directed by Marx: Frank* Ferrante, Les Marsden, Marguerite Lowell.
Comedy (01-930 2578/8778). Preview Tues. Opens Wed.

MACBETH: Tokyo's Ninagawa *Company (formerly known* here as Toho) present seven performances of their version, transplanted to 16th-century Japan, with Masane Tsukayama and Komaki Kurihara as Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. There are three performances of *Medea* by the company, Sept 24-26.
Lyttelton (01-928 2252). Opens Thurs. Until Sept 22.

OUT OF TOWN

EXETER: Tess of the d'Urbervilles: Sally Hedges's new adaptation from the Thomas Hardy novel is embarking on a tour of the West Country.
Northcott (0392 54853). Opens Tues. Until Sept 19.

GUILDFORD: Sweet William: Premiere of a mystery drama by Bernard Slade, featuring Michael Craig, Nyree Dawn Porter, directed by Val May.
Yvonne Arnaud (0483 60191). Opens Tues. Until Oct 3.

LEATHERHEAD: Party Piece: Premiere production of a comedy by Richard Harris ("suggested by" his earlier play *Local Affairs).* Roger Clissold directs a cast headed *by Peggy Mount.*
Thorndike (0372 377677). Opens Tues. Until Oct 3.

STOKE ON TRENT: A Study in Scarlet: Chris Martin's adaptation from the novel in *which Arthur Conan Doyle* introduced the character of Sherlock Holmes to Dr Watson and 221b Baker Street.
New Victoria (0782 615962). Opens Wed.

FILMS

MISS MARY (15): Julie Christie plays the title role — a prim English governess with inner *frustrations, hired to educate* the children on a prosperous Argentinian farm in 1938. English *puritanism inevitably* clashes with Spanish sensuality. Handsomely mounted drama from the Argentinian director Maria Luisa Bemberg.
Curzon Phoenix (01-240 9661), from *Fri.*

THE NIGHT IS YOUNG (15): Second feature by the French boy wonder Leos Carax, piled high with self-conscious style and filmic references. With Denis Lavant (from *Boy Meets Girl*) and Juliette Binoche as lovers embroiled in gang warfare.
Chelsea (01-351 3742), Renoir (01-837 8402), from Fri.

CONCERTS

HUGHES/PHILHARMONIA: Verdi's *Forza del Destino* Overture, Grieg's Piano Concerto (Sara Woltenson, soloist) and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade* are heard from the Philharmonia Orchestra under Owain Arwel Hughes.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

ALL HAYDN: *The Wigmore* Hall's Haydn Festival continues with two more concerts. At 1pm the Endellion Quartet plays the Quartets Opp 54 No 3 and 74 No 1; at 7.30pm the Lindsay Quartet performs the Quartets Opp 20 No 4, 64 No 1, 50 No 4 and 76 No 4.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, *London W1 (01-935 2141).* Mon, 1pm and 7.30pm.

BEETHOVEN/BERG: More quartets: the Alban Berg Quartet offers Beethoven's Quartets Opp 18 No 4 and 127, *Berg's Quartet Op 3.*
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 *3191, cc 01-928 8800). Tues,* 7.45pm.

WORDSWORTH/LCO: Under the rather soppy title "Love Classics" the London Concert Orchestra plays Grieg's Piano *Concerto (soloist, Malcom* Binns), Strauss's *Roses from the South*, the waltzes from Tchaikovsky's *Sleeping Beauty* and *Swan Lake*, Bizet's *Carmen* Suite. Barry Wordsworth conducts.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), Wed, 7.45pm.

SOLTI/BRENDEL: The LPO is conducted by Sir Georg Solti in Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5 and Alfred Brendel solos in Brahms's Piano Concerto No 1.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), Thurs, 7.30pm.

HOPKINS/NSO: When Antony Hopkins conducts the National Symphony Orchestra some out-of-the-way items turn up such as Sibelius's *Finlandia*, Ravel's *Bolero*. Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez* (Robert Brightmore, guitar), the Adagio from Khachatunan's *Spartacus...*
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, *London EC2 (01-628 8796, cc* 01-638 8891), Thurs, 7.45pm.

OPERA

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: The week is dominated by Stephen Sondheim's *Pacific Overtures*: tonight, Tues, Thurs and Fri at 7.30pm see performances by an all-male cast of his Kabuki-style satire on American colonialism. Meanwhile, on Wed and next Sat at 8pm, Josephine Barstow is Salomé *in a strong* revival of Joachim Herz's production of Strauss's opera.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

OPERA NORTH: Conclude *their magnificent Trojans* trilogy with *The Trojans at Carthage* as the start to an exciting new season. *Opens on* Fri at 7.15pm, with David Lloyd-Jones conducting and Tim Albery producing. Sally Burgess is the Dido and William Lewis the Aeneas.
Grand Theatre, New Briggate, *Leeds (0532 459351).*

SCOTTISH OPERA: Opening of a new production of Verdi's *Aida* by Belgian director Gilbert Deflo on Tues at 7.15pm and next Sat at 2.15pm. Janice *Cairns takes the title role and* John Mauceri conducts.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041 331 1234).

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: On Thurs at 7pm, the second night of the company's new *Fledermaus* with Suzanne Murphy, Laurence Dale and Peter Bronder. On Fri at 7pm, Harry Kupfer's production of *Fidelio*, with Mary Lloyd-Davies and Anthony Roden. Woldemar *Nelsson conducts.*
Grand Theatre, Swansea (0792 475715).

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE. The pay dispute with the chorus has caused the cancellation of *the first two performances of Tannhäuser.* If there is a very speedy resolution then revivals of *Falstaff (Thursday) and Boheme* (Friday) are scheduled.

DANCE

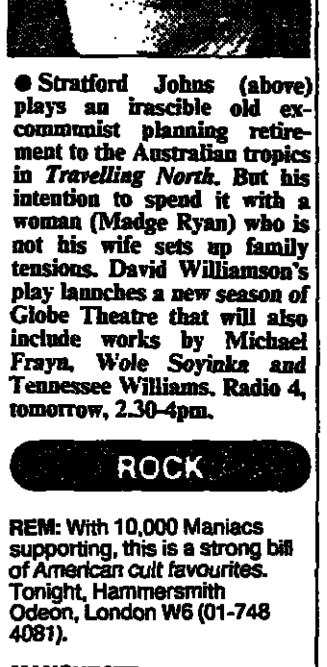
SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Two more performances today of *Swan Lake* in the Big Top outside Maidstone, then a week of *Coppelia.*
The Big Top, Leeds Castle, Kent (0622 35203). Until Sep 26.

GABY AGIS: Last two performances today and Sunday of a new work to music *by David Sylvian with a* sculptural installation by Kate Blacker.
Almeida Theatre, London N1 (01-359 4404).

RADIO

LAST OF THE LONG HOT SUMMERS: Gerry Northam looks back on the riots which 20 years ago devastated the American cities, Atlanta and Detroit, and asks whether there are lessons for Britain.
Radio 4, Tues, 8.30-9.15pm.

THE MAGNETIC LADY: Rarely performed comedy by Ben Jonson, who died 350 years ago, adapted by Peter Barnes. Suitors in pursuit of a rich, young heiress.
Radio 3, Fri, 7.30-9.15pm.



● Stratford Johns (above) plays an irascible old ex-communist planning retirement to the Australian tropics in *Travelling North*. But his intention to spend it with a woman (Madge Ryan) who is not his wife sets up family tensions. David Williamson's play launches a new season of Globe Theatre that will also include works by Michael Frayn, Wole Soyinka and Tennessee Williams. Radio 4, tomorrow, 2.30-4pm.

ROCK

REM: With 10,000 Maniacs supporting, this is a strong bill of *American cult favourites.* Tonight, Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (01-748 4081).

MANCHESTER FESTIVAL: Running until September 27 at venues throughout the city, and including tonight and tomorrow, Sweet Honey In The Rock at Royal Northern *College Of Music*; Mon, Durutti Column/Shelleyan Orphan at Manchester *Cathedral; Fri, David Thomas &* Lol Coxhill at Library Theatre.
Box office all events: 061 234 3300.

PUBLIC IMAGE LIMITED: It *doesn't seem long since Lydon* was vowing never to play again to badly-behaved British audiences. Support is the strikingly grim Blood Uncles.
Tonight, Newcastle City Hall (091 261 2606); Mon, Sheffield City Hall (0742 735295); Wed, Assembly Rooms, Derby (0332 369311); Thurs, De Montford Hall, Leicester (0533 544444); Fri, Dunstable Civic *Hall (0582 603326).*

SQUEEZE: Now something of a peculiar English institution, like rhyming slang or Yorkshire pudding.
Tues, Cliff's Pavilion, Southend-on-Sea (0702 351135); Thurs, Astoria, London WC2 (01-434 0403); *Fri, Aylesbury Civic Centre* (0296 86009).

TELEVISION

SEVEN AGES: Taking his cue from Shakespeare's seven ages of man, Ron Eyre *talks to children in Bristol in the* first of a series on people at a certain stage in their lives.
BBC2, Mon, 8-9pm.

THE VICTORIAN KITCHEN GARDEN: How a derelict walled garden in Berkshire was restored to its 19th-century glory and worked *along Victorian lines* without the benefit of modern technology.
Wed, 7.35-8.05pm.

PETER USTINOV'S RUSSIA: Donning fur hat and snow *boots* Peter Ustinov begins his six-part survey of Russian history and culture *by recalling the Viking* invasions and the reign of Ivan the Terrible.
BBC2, Fri, 9.30-10.20pm.

GALLERIES

ACQUISITION IN FOCUS: The recently acquired portrait of Jacobus Blauw, the only work in Britain by French revolutionary painter Jacques-Louis David, receives scholarly elucidation.
National Gallery, London WC2 (01-839 3321). From Wed.

BILL WOODROW: An *installation and sculptures* made from scrap materials by a nominee for last year's *Turner Prize.*
Cornerhouse, Manchester (061 228 7621). From today.

VENICE IN PERSPECTIVE: Works by Canaletto, Guardi, Bellotto and numerous other *minor 18th-century vedutisti.*
Harari & Johns, London SW1 (01-839 7671). From Tues.

SIR OSBERT LANCASTER (1908-1986): 55 original cartoons mainly focussing on the character Maudie Littlehampton.
Littlehampton Museum, West Sussex (0903 715149). From Fri.

GEORGES BRAQUE: The Cubist painter's illustrations to poems by his friend Guillaume Appollinaire.
The French Institute, Edinburgh (031 225 5366). From Mon.

FILMS ON TV

THE MAGNIFICENT AMBERSONS (1942): After *Citizen Kane* another masterpiece from Orson Welles, charting the decline *of a proud American family.*
BBC2, today, 5.25-6.50pm.

THE BRIDE WORE BLACK (1967): Jeanne Moreau avenging the murder of her husband in a part thriller, part black comedy, *directed by* François Truffaut in homage to his idol, Hitchcock.
Channel 4, tomorrow, 10.35pm-12.35am.

THE WIND (1928): A week of silent classics on Channel 4 starts with Lillian Gish's remarkable performance as the well-bred Virginian girl forced to rough it in Texas.
Channel 4, Mon, noon-1.35pm.

● Shown in tribute to the late John Huston, *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre* is an ironic story of gold prospectors (played by Humphrey Bogart, Tim Holt and Huston's father, Walter, above) who are undone by greed. Released in 1948, the film turned the next year's Oscar ceremony into a *family affair with two awards* for John (best director, best screenplay) and one for Walter *(best supporting actor). BBC2,* Friday, 11.15pm-1.25am.

JAZZ

ANDY SHEPPARD: Brilliantly gifted young saxophonist celebrates the launch of his debut album, a study in polished contemporary eclecticism.
Astoria Theatre, 157 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-434 0403). Tomorrow.

TED HEATH MEMORIAL: Britain's greatest big band leader is celebrated by an orchestra of his alumni, including Kenny Baker, Jack Parnell, Lita Roza.
Poole Arts Centre, Dorset (0202 685222). Tomorrow.

AFRO-CUBA: The latest instalment of Scott's highly successful Havana-to-London cultural exchange programme.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747). Mon to Sat.

PHOTOGRAPHY

THE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF CECIL BEATON: Something of a coup this for the V & A, given prominence by the recent death of Miss Eileen Hose who worked closely with Cecil Beaton from 1953 until 1980, and who donated Beaton's archive of 8,000 negatives to the museum.
Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, *London SW7 (01-589 6371),* Sept 16-Feb 1.

WALKS

TODAY
LONDON'S HISTORIC DOCKLANDS AND THAMES: *meet Tower Hill tube,* 11.15am, £2.75.

HIDDEN CURIOS AND *COURTYARDS OF OLD* LONDON: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £2.50.

TOMORROW
TOUR OF BLOOMSBURY: meet Warren Street tube, 11.30am, £2.50.

THE HISTORIC CITY — FROM THE ROMANS TO THE BLITZ: meet Tower Hill tube, 11am, £2.25.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL: Royal Philharmonic give six concerts featuring the nine symphonies, five piano concertos, and violin concerto, with Cristina Ortiz, Elizabeth Collier, Kenneth Woollam, Penelope Walker, Rodney McCann, and Sir Charles Groves. *Oct 14-30.*
Barbican, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891, 01-628 8795)

POPS GO THE BEATLES: Royal Philharmonic under David Arnold with Swingle Singers present magical mystery tour from *She Loves You* to *Sergeant Pepper*. Oct 2.
Barbican, Silk St, *London EC2* (01-638 8891, 01-628 8795).

LAST CHANCE

JACOB EPSTEIN: Major retrospective of sculptor, 1880-1959, with sculptures and related *drawings and carvings.* Ends tomorrow.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High St, London E1 (01-377 0107).

100 YEARS OF WOMEN'S BANNERS: *Exhibition* illustrating history of women's banners from elegant banners *of suffragettes and co-*operative guilds, to today's peace movement and miner's support group banners. Ends tomorrow.
Chapter, Market Rd, Canton, Cardiff (0222 396061).

Theatre: Tony Patrick; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Television, Radio and Films on TV:** Peter Waymark; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Photography:** Mike Young; **Walks:** Greta Carslaw; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

The Treasury Department's finest: Kevin Costner (left), the new Eliot Ness, and his television predecessor, Robert Stack

Untouched by reality

They left broken glass and fake blood behind and "scared the *hell out of the commuters this* morning", said the security guard at Chicago's Union Station as *Brian de Palma's The Untouchables* resumed shooting. Any elderly commuters should have been accustomed to *mess: during the Prohibition frenzy* and gang wars of the late 1920s, debris was everywhere, the blood was real, and Al Capone ruled the city with a barrage of machine-guns.

Robert de Niro, cast as Capone after a false start with Bob Hoskins, approached his part like a scholar, strutting about in immaculate suits with 25 extra pounds (courtesy of pasta and potatoes), a scar designed at a cost of $4,500, silk underwear from the exact shop Capone frequented in New York, and gestures and grins expertly mimicked from old newsreels.

The film itself, however, never strives *hard for authenticity. The reference* point is rather the *Untouchables* television series (1959-1963), which brought *new levels of violence to America's tame* screens, and rescued Robert Stack from a film career spiralling downwards. Stack played Eliot Ness, the Treasury *Department's gangbuster* who helped put away Capone in 1931; thereafter, on TV, Ness and his team of "untouchables" went after the country's other major hoods. The FBI protested when Ness, rather than FBI agents, was seen nailing Ma Barker; Italian-American groups protested the preponderance of villains with Italian names. But facts and *ethnic groupings mattered less* than the myth of an upright, incorruptible man, leading a motley task force in the battle between good and evil.

The new *Untouchables* uses a script by the playwright David Mamet, born in Chicago, and who won a Pulitzer Prize for *Glengarry Glen Ross*. Mamet gives *the Ness myth his own special colouring.* The real untouchables contained none over 30, and none from the corrupt *Chicago police force*, but Mamet leans over backwards to spotlight the relationship between Ness, idealistic and inexperienced, and Jimmy Malone (played by Sean Connery), a veteran Irish cop disenchanted with his lot who serves as tutor and philosopher. Mamet also increases Ness's vulnerability by giving him a family to worry over (in reality, this came later).

De Niro's appearances are brief and showy, but it is Ness who shoulders the film. The part was dangled before Harrison Ford, Mel Gibson and William Hurt, all of whom, probably fortunately, were busy: the role needs a quiet, malleable style, not star glitter, and Kevin Costner, featured in *Silverado* and *Fandango*, does an excellent job.

So, in a way, does Brian de Palma: he eschews many meretricious effects and *comes to grips with characters. But he* can still play the naughty boy. At Union Station, money limits made him abandon plans for a shoot-out on a lavish period train. "Give me a staircase, a clock and a baby carriage!" he cried. Out popped, after improvisation, an audacious, bullet-strewn parody of the Odessa Steps sequence in *Battleship Potemkin*.

Geoff Brown

The Untouchables (15) opens at the Empire Leicester Square (01-437 1234) on September 18. The 1960 film *The Untouchables*, based on episodes from the television series, is on BBC1 on Friday (11.15pm-12.35am).

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 **WALES 5.15-5.20pm** Sports News Wales **SCOTLAND 5.15-5.20pm** Scottish News and Sport **10.15-10.45** Sportscene **NORTHERN IRELAND 4.55-5.05pm** Northern Ireland Results **5.15-5.20** Inside Ulster Newsline **1.20-1.25am** Northern Ireland News **ENGLAND 5.15-5.20pm** South and East (London) — Sport. South and West (Plymouth) — Spotlight News and Sport. All other English regions — Regional News and Sport.

ANGLIA As London except: **11.30am** Fall Guy **12.30pm-1.00** ALF

BORDER As London except: **11.30am** UFO **12.30pm-1.00** Survival **11.20** T J Hooker **12.15am** Closedown

CENTRAL As London except: **11.00am-1.00pm** Film: Black Beauty **1.05am** Prisoner Cell Block H **2.00** Loot **3.35** News, Jobfinder

CHANNEL As London except: **11.30am** Knight Rider **12.30pm-1.00** Survival of the Fittest **2.45-4.45** Colossus of Rome **4.00am** News, **Closedown**

GRAMPIAN As London except: **11.30am** ALF **12.00-1.00pm** Knight Rider **11.20** Duran Duran 12.20am **Reflections, Closedown**

GRANADA As London except: **11.00am** America's Top 10 **11.30-1.00pm** Yellow Balloon' **2.15-2.45** Easy Street **1.05am** Boxing **1.35** Police Woman **2.30** America's Top 10 **2.55** Closedown

HTV WEST As London except: **11.30am** Knight Rider **12.00** ALF **12.30-1.00** Starring...The Actors **2.45-4.35** Highway to Heaven **11.20** Soccer: Bristol City v Bristol Rovers **12.05am** Film: Young Doctors in Love **1.50** Closedown

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **11.20pm-12.05am** Rugby Union: Aberavon v Llanelli

SCOTTISH As London except: **11.30am** America's Top Ten **12.00-1.00pm** Highway to Heaven **1.00am** Late Call, Closedown

TSW As London except: **11.30am-1.00pm** A-Team **5.05** Newsport **5.10** Smurfs **5.40** Gus Honeybun **5.45-6.30** Champion Blockbusters **1.00am** Postscript, *Closedown*

TVS As London except: **11.30am** Knight Rider **12.30pm-1.00** Survival of the Fittest **4.00am** Company, Closedown

TYNE TEES As London except: **11.00am-1.00pm** Film: Stunts **1.05am** Epilogue

ULSTER As London except: **11.30-1.00pm** Film: Yellow Balloon' **4.55-5.00** Sports Results **11.20** T J Hooker **12.20am** Newstime, Closedown

YORKSHIRE As London except: **11.30am-1.00pm** Film: Life and Surprising Adventures of Robinson Crusoe **11.20** Film: Double Man **1.10am** Film: Black Windmill **3.10** Jobfinder **4.10** Closedown

S4C Starts: **10.00am** What the Papers Say **10.15** Valued Opinion **10.30** Full Life **11.00** The Mississippi **12.00** Sea War **12.20pm** Scotland's Story **1.00** Film: One Way Pendulum' **2.45** Racing **5.00** Battle for the Planet **6.00** Right to Reply **6.30** All Muck and Magic? **7.00** The Dragon Has Two Tongues **7.30** Newyddion **7.50** Treialon Cwn Defaid **8.20** Noson Lawen 1987 **9.20** Y Maes Cnwarae **10.10** Resto **10.55** Australian Rules Football **11.55** Film: Winter of Our Dreams **1.35am** The Telephone Box **2.15** Closedown

SUNDAY

BBC1 **WALES 12.30-12.35am** News of Wales Headlines **SCOTLAND 12.35-12.58pm** Landward **5.15-5.25** Lifeline **12.30-12.35am** Scottish News Headlines **NORTHERN IRELAND 4.55-5.35pm** Flax with Flax **5.35-5.45** The Violin Maker **12.30-12.35am** Northern Ireland News
BBC2
WALES 1.30-2.00 Rugby Union (Cardiff v Neath) then as network.

ANGLIA As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Elmer Fudd **1.00pm** 1.00pm **Link** 1.15 **Sky High** 1.25 **Weather** 1.30-2.00 **Farming Diary** 5.00 **Man in a Suitcase** 6.00-6.30 **Bullseye**

BORDER As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Cartoon **1.00pm** Farming Outlook **1.30** News and Diary **1.35** Cartoon **1.45-2.00** Link **5.00** Highway to Heaven **6.00-7.00** Bullseye **12.00** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Cartoon **1.00pm** Central Post **1.10-1.15** News **1.30-2.00** Here and Now **5.00** Highway to Heaven **6.00-6.30** Bullseye **12.00** Prisoner Cell Block H **12.55am** Donahue **1.55** Film: Suspended Alibi' **3.10** News, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **9.25am** Starting Point **9.30-9.35** Felix the Cat **1.00pm-1.15** *Les Français Chez Vous* **1.30-2.00** Farm Focus **5.00** Highway to Heaven **6.00-6.30** Bullseye **3.00am** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **9.25am** Cartoon **9.30-10.00** He-Man and Masters of the Universe **11.00** Horses for Courses **11.30-12.00** Inquisition **1.00** Farming Outlook **1.30** Link **1.45-2.00** Spacewatch **5.00** Scotsport **6.00-6.30** Bullseye **12.00** Reflections, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Cartoon **1.00pm** Members Only **1.05** This Is Your Right **1.35** Aap Kaa Hak **1.40-2.00** Link **6.00-6.30** Bullseye **12.00** Just Jazz **12.30am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Cartoon **1.00** News **1.05** Farming Wales **1.35** Cartoon **1.45-2.00** Link **5.00** Highway to Heaven **6.00-6.30** Bullseye **12.00** Portrait of a Legend **12.30am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: No variation.

SCOTTISH As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Elmer Fudd **11.00-12.00** Glen Michael Cavalcade **1.00pm-1.15** Canadian Documentary **1.30** Adventurer **2.00-2.30** Gods of War **5.00** Scotsport **6.00-6.30** Bullseye **12.00** Late Call **12.05am** Tales from the Darkside **12.35** Closedown.

TSW As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Look and See **1.00pm** South West Week **1.20** Farming News **1.45-2.00** Link **4.30** Gardens for All **5.00** Knights of God **5.30** Looking Back with Kenneth Macleod **6.00-6.30** Bullseye **12.00** Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Elmer Fudd **1.00pm** Link **1.15** Action! **1.30-2.00** Farm Focus **4.30** Bullseye **5.00** Knights of God **6.30-6.30** Sunday Sunday **3.00am** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Hello Sunday **1.00pm** Farming Outlook **1.30** How the Camel Got His Hump **1.45-2.00** Link **5.00** Who's The Boss? **5.30** Northern Life **6.00-6.30** Bullseye **12.00** Epilogue, Close down.

ULSTER As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Cartoon **1.00pm-1.15** Ask Anne **1.30-2.00** Farming Ulster **5.00** Fall Guy **6.00-6.30** *Bullseye* **12.00** Sports Results **12.05am** Crazy World of Sport **12.30** Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **9.25am-9.35** Elmer Fudd **1.00pm-1.15** Smurfs **1.30-2.00** Farming Diary **5.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **6.00-6.30** Bullseye **12.00** Aids **12.30am** Five Minutes **12.35** Jobfinder **1.35** Close down.

S4C Starts: **1.00am** No Easy Walk **11.00** Waltons **12.00** Network7 **2.00pm** Juno and Avos **3.45** Scales of Justice' **4.15** Equinox **5.15** Business Exchange **6.00** American Football **7.20** Newyddion **7.30** Caryl **8.00** Darllenadd y Pentan **8.30** Cwlwm **9.00** Dresdner Musikfestspiele **9.50** St Elsewhere **10.50** Film: Bad Day At Black Rock' **12.20am** Closedown.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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SATURDAY

CHOICE

● The best drag act in the business turns chat show host for **The Dame Edna Experience** (ITV, 10.30pm). Edna asks Jane Seymour: "You've been successfuly married three times, darling; what would you say was the secret of a successful marriage?" To fellow Aussie Germaine Greer: "You look gorgeous on TV, Germaine. One day you may look equally gorgeous in reality." The premise of any show starring Dame Edna Everage (Barry Humphries) is that there is only one star, which means everyone else becomes a stooge. But the same can be said of Wogan, and Humphries is not only less sycophantic but much funnier. Tonight's guests are Mary Whitehouse, Cliff Richard and Sean Connery.

● A big welcome back to the hospital series, **Casualty** (BBC1, 7.55pm), the nearest thing so far to a British *Hill Street Blues* in its pace, wry humour and ability to juggle a variety of characters and storylines. The new series kicks off with nurse Charlie distraught at the loss of Baz, Ewart fighting to get the night shift restored, and Maureen O'Brien joining the cast as the spiky new administrator. The standard is fully maintained.

Peter Waymark

Dame Edna Everage with her guests Cliff Richard, Sean Connery and Mary Whitehouse (ITV, 10.30pm)

BBC1

6.45 Open University.
8.30 Dudley Do-Right 8.35 Boss Cat (r). **9.00 It's Wicked!**
10.55 Film: Old Bones of the River (1938, b/w) A Will Hay farce in which he plays a local commissioner trying to quell an African native rising. Directed by Marcel Varnel. **12.27 Weather.**
12.30 Grandstand. The line up is (subject to alteration): **12.35 Football Focus; 1.00 News; 1.05 Rallying:** Finland's 1,000 Lakes; **1.25 Motor Racing:** the Istel Tourist Trophy Race; **1.55, 2.25** and **2.55 Racing from Goodwood; 2.05, 2.35, 3.05** and **4.30 Eventing:** the Burghley Remy Martin Horse Trials; **3.30 Golf:** the Panasonic European Open; **4.50 Final Score.**
5.05 News and weather 5.15 Regional news/ Sport.
5.20 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.
5.45 Telly Addicts. A new series.
6.15 'Allo 'Allo! The *Fallen Madonna* is stolen and René is told to pay the ransom (r). (Ceefax)
6.50 Bob's Full House. Bingo quiz show. (Ceefax)
7.25 The Russ Abbot Show. The first of a new series of the comedy show. (Ceefax)
7.55 Casualty. Part one of a new series. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
8.45 News, sport and weather.
9.00 Last Night of the Proms, part two (part one on BBC2). Works by Smetana, Tchaikovsky, Malcolm Arnold, Elgar, Henry Wood, Arne and Parry.
10.15 Monty Python's Flying Circus (r).
10.45 Miami Vice. Crockett and Tubbs have difficulty protecting a controversial Latin American writer after he samples Miami's high-life. Starring Don Johnson, Philip Michael Thomas and, tonight, Bianca Jagger. (Ceefax)
11.35 Film: Stardust (1974) starring David Essex, Adam Faith and Larry Hagman. Drama about the pressures of success put on a rock band that has a meteoric rise to fame. Directed by Michael Apted.
1.20 Weather.
NB: programme times after the Proms are approximate.

BBC2

6.50 Open University.
2.20 Network East. This week's edition of the magazine programme primarily of interest to Asian viewers includes reports on the crisis facing General Zhia and the Dewsbury school row. Plus, the finals of the Bhangra Beat '87 Dance competition.
3.00 No Limits. Rock music programme, this week from the Isle of Wight (r).
4.00 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore and the hunt for the tenth planet, its presence indicated by new evidence (r).
4.20 Three-Day Eventing. The Burghley Remy Martin Horse Trials, introduced by Hugh Thomas. Live coverage of the climax of the cross country phase.
5.25 Film: The Magnificent Ambersons (1942, b/w) starring Joseph Cotten and Agnes Moorhead. Drama, based on the novel by Booth Tarkington, about the rise and fall of an American family at the turn of the century. Screenplay, produced and directed by Orson Welles.
6.50 NewsView. Today's news and sport and the week's news in pictures with subtitles. **Weather.**
7.30 Last Night of the Proms in the presence of the Duke and Duchess of York. With the BBC Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Mark Elder, the BBC Symphony Chorus, Kun Woo Paik (piano) and Felicity Palmer (mezzo). Walton's Spitfire Prelude and Fugue, Liszt's Piano Concerto No 1 in E flat and Bernstein's Symphonic Dances from *West Side Story*. (part two on BBC1).
8.30 International Golf. Highlights of the third round of the Panasonic European Open from Walton Heath Golf Club, Surrey.
9.10 The Film Club. Derek Malcolm previews a new season of films on BBC Television.
9.20 International Tennis. The US Open Championships from Flushing Meadow, introduced by David Icke. The ladies' singles final. The commentators are Dan Maskell, John Barrett, Gerald Williams and Ann Jones. Ends at **1.30.**

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6.55 TV-am introduced by Richard Keys.
7.30 The Wide Awake Club with news of the Pony Club Championships.
9.25 No 73. Entertainment for the young **11.00 The Roxy.** (r). **11.30 Frocks on the Box.** (r).
12.00 The Fall Guy. Adventures of a stuntman
1.00 News 1.05 Saint and Greavsie.
1.30 Wrestling from the United States. **2.15 The Cuckoo Waltz.** Comedy (r).
2.45 Film: The Norman Swordsman (1971) starring Mark Damon. Adventure yarn set in the year 1000 about a young crusader who returns to England to find it under a cruel rule. Directed by Roberto Mauri.
4.35 Cartoon Time: Bugs Bunny.
4.45 Results Service.
5.00 News.
5.05 Blockbusters.
5.35 The A-Team. The redoubtable quartet have 36 hours in which to find and release a kidnapped general.
6.30 Blind Date. Another edition of the boy meets girl show. (Oracle)
7.15 Beadle's About. Practical joke series.
7.45 3-2-1. Family game show. The guests include Frankie Howerd. (Oracle)
8.45 News with David Cass.
9.05 Film: Beyond the Bermuda Triangle (1975) starring Fred MacMurray. A made-for-television yarn about a retired businessman who becomes intrigued with the mysteries of the area known as the Bermuda Triangle. Directed by William A Graham. Followed by **LWT News** headlines.
10.30 The Dame Edna Experience. (see Choice)
11.20 Film: Young Doctors in Love (1982) starring Michael McKaan and Patrick Macnee. Comedy about a new intake of interns in a city hospital and their affairs of the heart. Directed by Garry Marshall.
1.00 Night Network includes an interview with Eddie Murphy and a tribute to Marc Bolan.
4.00 Film: 'Neath Arizona Skies (1934, b/w) starring John Wayne as a cowboy hired to protect a young Indian girl who is the heiress to an oil fortune. Directed by Harry Fraser.
5.00 Baseball '87. Philadelphia Phillies v Los Angeles Dodgers. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Listening Eye. Magazine series for the hard-of-hearing (r) **10.00 The Home Service** (r). **10.30 Scotland's Story.** Part eight (r).
11.00 Same Difference. For the disabled (r) **11.30 Dancin' Days** (r). **12.30 Sea War** (b/w) (r).
1.00 Film: Broadway Thru a Keyhole (1933, b/w) starring Constance Cummings. A young night club chorus girl meets a gangster who wants to make her a star. Directed by Lowell Sherman.
2.45 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster. The **2.55, 3.35** (Holsten Pils St Leger Stakes), **4.10** and **4.40** races.
5.05 Brookside (r). (Oracle)
6.00 Right to Reply. C4's drama documentary on Britain's psychiatric system, We're Not Mad, We're Angry, is accused of being irresponsible, one-sided and damaging. Producer Tim Langford defends.
6.30 Ourselves and Other Animals. The final programme of Gerald and Lee Durrell's series on how animals communicate.
7.00 News summary and weather followed by **Beyond Belief.** Professor Anthony Clare talks to Trevor and Shirley Martin as they prepare to be media missionaries in Britain (r).
7.30 No Easy Walk. . . Zambia's struggle for independence.
8.30 Japan. The second documentary in the series examining Japan through British eyes.
9.30 Inochi. Episode four of the drama serial about a woman doctor in a country village. English narration and subtitles.
10.00 St Elsewhere. A city-wide power failure leaves Dr Westphall stuck in the lift with an angry young man.
10.55 Australian Rules Football.
11.55 Film: Winter of Our Dreams (1981) starring Judy Davis and Bryan Brown. Australian-made drama about a drug-addicted prostitute who becomes attached to a married bookshop owner. Directed by John Duigan.
1.40 Film: The Telephone Box (1974) starring Jose Luis Lopez Vasquez as a man trapped in a new telephone booth in a sleepy Spanish town. Directed by Antonio Mercero. Rnds at **2.20.**

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until **12.30pm**, then at **2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight
6.00am Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Dave Lee Travis **1.00pm** Adrian Juste **2.00** The Stereo Sequence. Including **2.00-3.00** My Top Ten (Brian Adams) **4.00-5.00** New American Chart Show **6.30-7.30** In Concert (Blow Monkeys) **7.30** Simon Mayo **9.30-12.00** Midnight Runner Show. **VHF** Stereo and Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 1 **1.00pm** As Radio 1 **7.30-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
News on the hour until **1.00pm**, then at **3.00, 6.00, 7.00** and hourly from **10.00**. Cricket Scoreboard **7.30pm**
4.00am David Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **8.05** David Jacobs **9.00** Sounds of the 60s (with Peter Langford and Butch Baker) **11.00** Michael Aspel **12.00** Digging for Gold (Mike Hollingworth and Derek Lewis in the BBC Gramophone Library) **1.00pm** Ken Dodd's Palace of Laughter **1.30** Sport on 2. Includes racing (from Doncaster), golf (Panasonic European Open) and tennis (US Open Women's Final) **6.00** The Match Play Quiz **6.30** That's Showbusiness **7.00** ABC Quiz **7.30** British Bandsman Centenary Gala Concert, from Manchester. With Roy Castle **9.30** String Sound **10.05** Martin Kelner **12.05am** Metropole Orchestra **1.00** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

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Times in GMT. Add an hour for BST **6.00am** Newsdesk **6.30** Meridian **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** From The Weeklies **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** A Jolly Good Show **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.45** Society Today **10.00** News **10.01** Here's Humph! **10.15** Letter From America **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** Jazz Guitarists **11.30** Meridian **12.00pm** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 3 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Saturday Special **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Saturday Special **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Heute Aktuel From **7.00** Live Relay (Promenade Concert) **7.30** News **7.55** Prom continued **9.15** News Summary **9.16** Persona Grata **9.30** People and Politics **10.00** News **10.09** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** New Ideas **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Nature Notebook **11.30** Anything Goes **12.00am** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Sunday Service **1.00** News **1.01** Two Worlds of Joseph Race **1.45** Music in Old England **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** The Man of Proprty **2.30** Album Time **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** From Our Own Correspondent **3.30** Six Four Eight **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** Twenty-Four Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

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Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Arts — The Romantic Hero
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Morning Concert: Gordon Jacob (William Byrd suite: Eastman Wind Ensemble), Handel (Organ Concerto Op 7 No 4: Preston, with English Concert), Parry (Lady Radnor's Suite: English String Orchestra) **8.00** World Service News
8.10 Concert (contd): Schumann (Zwickau Symphony: Stuttgart RSO), Salieri (Variations on La Follia: Studt, violin; Schefel Stein, harp, LSO), Glinka (Krakowiak, A Life for the Tsar: Bamberg SO) **9.00** News
9.05 Record Review: includes Richard Osborne's guide to recordings of Sibelius's Symphony No 3.
10.15 Stereo Release: Walton (Crown Imperial: RPO), Ravel (Rapsodie espagnole: Berlin PO). Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 2: RPO)
11.30 Chicago SO, under George Solti. Vivaldi (Concerto in F, RV 551), Hanson (Serenade Op 35), Copland (Quiet City), Ibert (Concertino da camera), Beethoven (Symphony No 5). **1.00** News
1.05 Mikhail Pletnev: piano recital. Brahms (Sonata No 3), Tchaikovsky (The Nutcracker suite, arranged by Pletnev)
2.15 Maria Callas in Bizet's Carmen. Sung in French (1964 recording). Cast also includes Nicolai Gedda, Robert Massard, Andrea Guiot. Georges Prêtre conducts Orchestra of the Paris Opéra. Acts three and four begin at **3.55**
5.00 Jazz Record Requests: presented by Peter Clayton
5.45 Critics' Choice: with Christopher Cook in the chair. Topics include The Image of London exhibition at the Barbican; James Saunders play The Magic Bathroom (Radio 3)
6.35 Beethoven: Norbert Brainin (violin) and Christian Blackshaw (piano). C minor Sonata Op 30,No 2
7.05 Literary Giants: the popular notion of the giant as a figment of fantasy is examined by Professor Helmut Bonheim
7.30 Proms 87: Last Night of the Proms. Also on BBC2. From the Royal Albert Hall, London. Part one. BBC SO (under Mark Elder), with BBC Symphony Chorus, Kun Woo Paik (piano), Felicity Palmer (mezzo). Walton (Prelude and Spitfire Fugue). Liszt (Piano Concerto No 1), Bernstein (West Side Story symphonic dances). In the interval (**8.30**), moments from the life of Dr Thomas Augustine Arne
9.00 Proms 87: part two. Smetana (Bartered Bride overture), Tchaikovsky (Joan of Arc's farewell), Arnold (English Dances, Set No 2). Elgar (Pomp and Circumstance March No 1), Henry Wood (Fantasia on British Sea Songs), Arne (Rule, Britannia!), Parry (Jesusalem)
10.15 Rubbish: Miriam Margolyes reads the story by Don Bloch
10.35 Concert in the General's Tent: Boismortier (Trio Sonata Op 37 No 5), Couperin (Quatorziéme Concert, Les Goûtes-Réunis), Montéclair (Concert sous la tente du Général, 5éme concert). Played by Parle (harpsichord), Goodwin (baroque oboe), Cunningham (bass viol)
11.00 Villa-Lobos and Roberto Gerhard: Philip Martin (piano) plays Villa-Lobos works including Em Um Barco Encantado and Gerhard's Dances, Don Quixote)
11.40 Music and Sweet Poetry: Consort of Musicke perform madrigals by William Byrd, including Come, let us rejoice unto our Lord.
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.50** Prayer **6.55** Weather
7.00 Today, incl **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25** Sport **7.30, 8.30** News **7.40, 8.47** Today's Papers **7.45** In Perspective **7.55, 8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway: Bernard Falk reports on holidays and travel
10.00 News; Loose Ends, hosted by Ned Sherrin
11.00 News; Conference Special: Geoffrey Goodman's view of the TUC conference in Blackpool
11.27 From Our Own Correspondent. Reports from BBC reporters based overseas
12.00 My Hero: Cliff Morgan talks to Tony O'Reilley, sportsman and businessman, who selects some idols
12.25 Radio Active's Sunday Programme: Comedy sketch series which parodies local radio. Today: God Alone Knows **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions?: Jonathan Dimbleby with Malcolm Rifkind MP, John Monks, Sue Slipman and Graham Day. From Tarporley in Cheshire (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Second Edition: Gillian Reynolds and guests discuss Radio 4 magazine programmes
3.00 News; The Afternoon Play: The Man That Got Away, by Philip Norman. With James Holland as the lad who goes to stay in the hotel managed by his mother and becomes much involved with the staff. With Marian Diamond as the mother (r) (s)
4.30 Science Now: Alun Lewis presents his review of discoveries
5.00 The Living World: Michael Clegg, Stephen Sutton and Norman Lewis tackle questions put by the Nottinghamshire Trust for Nature Conservation
5.25 Delve Special. David Lander investigates the supergrass system in his spool reports **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; incl Sports Round-Up
6.25 Stop the Week: with Robert Robinson. Includes a song from Kit and the Widow (s)
7.00 Saturday-Night Theatre: Gone to Pot, by Brian Crookes. With Oliver Maguire. Comedy, set in Northern Ireland (s)
8.15 That Learned Gentlewoman: Tony Seaton pieces together the life of seventeenth-century feminist Mary Astell
8.30 Baker's Dozen: Richard Baker with music on record
9.30 Thriller! A Fatal Inversion, by Ruth Rendell (part 12 of 14). The reader is Lewis Flander
9.50 Ten to Ten: A reading, a hymn and reflection led by Eddie Neale **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 The Village: The people of Castle Carrock, Cumbria, help David Bean put together a picture of life in their village (4)
10.30 The Wordsmiths of Gorsemere: fun with the Wordsworths and Co. thinly disguised. Written by Sue Limb (r)
11.00 Even Looser Ends: Repeat of this morning's Loose Ends
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.30-6.00pm** Options **4.30** Community Matters **5.00** More than You can Manage (3 of 5) **5.30** Talking of Languages

SUNDAY

CHOICE

● **Blat** (BBC1, 9.05pm) opens in the rolling cornfields of the Ukraine where a British businessman (Robert Hardy) is trying to sell tractors to the Russians. A deal is set up and Gino (Alfred Molina) gets an unexpected release from the state prison in Tblisi to join the Russian trade delegation in London. Since Gino is one of nature's wheeler dealers, stocking his cell with black market fags and booze, he is the ideal man for a spot of devious business. The business becomes so devious that it is a considerable challenge to keep up with the twists of the plot. But the thing to bear in mind is that hardly anyone is what he, or she, seems and almost everyone is intent on swindling someone else. The screenplay by Andrew Nickolds and Stan Hey (the writers responsible for *Hold the Back Page*) is witty and inventive and there is a delightful performance by Molina, all the funnier for its restraint, as the shambling Russian with the Stalin moustache who might have Georgia on his mind but was actually the son of an Italian immigrant. The ancestry of the Robert Hardy character is also unexpected, but to reveal that would be to spoil the climax of a thoroughly diverting piece.

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Gary Cady (left), Robert Hardy and Alfred Molina in Blat (Sunday Premiere, BBC1, 9.05pm)

BBC1

6.45 Open University.
8.55 Play School 9.15 Articles of Faith (r). **9.30 This is the Day** from the Flat Holm lighthouse.
10.00 What on Earth. . ? Wildlife quiz (r). **10.25 Only Time Would Tell.** Harold Williamson revisits pop preacher Paul Jobson (r). **10.55 The Wooldridge View.** Ian Wooldridge at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas (r).
11.45 Look Stranger. A profile of North Wales farmer and singer, Fred Jones (r) **12.10 See Hear.** For the hearing impaired. **12.35 Farming.** Reports on a man breaking into the alpaca market with his herd of llamas and a Suffolk couple who are breeding angora rabbits. **12.58 Weather.**
1.00 This Week, Next Week. On the eve of the Liberal Assembly, an interview with David Steel and a film profile of Robert Maclennan. **2.00 EastEnders** (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Film: Heavens Above (1963, b/w) starring Peter Sellers. Comedy about a down-to-earth northern vicar who is posted to a middle-class parish. Directed by John Boulting.
4.55 Our House. The first of a new series about the American Witherspoon family.
5.45 Vanity Fair. Episode two of the 16-part adaptation of Thackeray's novel and Becky sets a trap to capture a rich husband.
6.15 Lifeline. Cliff Michelmore and Maggie Philbin with the latest charity news; Roger Royle appeals on behalf of **St Columb's Cathedral**, Londonderry.
6.25 News and weather.
6.40 Songs of Praise from Brixham, Devon. (Ceefax)
7.15 Three Up, Two Down. Comedy series starring Angela Thorne and Michael Elphick. (Ceefax)
7.45 Howards' Way. Episode two. (Ceefax)
8.35 Bread. Comedy series about a roguish Liverpudlian family. (Ceefax)
9.05 Sunday Premiere: Blat. (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.30 News and weather.
10.45 Heart of the Matter. The news behind the headlines.
11.20 Seventy Summers. Part two of a personal history of a farm by Tony Harman (r).
11.50 Network East (r).
12.30 Weather.

BBC2

6.50 Open University.
1.30 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Harry Gration. The line-up is (subject to alteration): **1.35** and **3.30 Golf:** the final round of the Panasonic European Open at Walton Heath Golf Club, Surrey. The commentators are Harry Carpenter, Peter Alliss, Tony Jacklin, Bruce Critchley, Clive Clark and Alex Hay; **2.00** and **5.00 Cricket:** a Refuge Assurance League game; **6.30 Three-Day Eventing:** the show jumping phase of the Burghley Remy Martin Horse Trials. The commentators are Raymond-Brooks Ward and Hugh Thomas.
6.50 It's Garry Shandling's Show. Off beat American comedy series. When young Grant dates the lovely Kim guess who plays the chaperon?
7.15 Slim Hewitt: The Man Who Set the Camera Free. A tribute to the cameraman who revolutionized the art of filming during the late 1950s who died in July. Presented by Trevor Philpott, his wordsmith partner, with contributions from Donald Baverstock and Antony Jay, both former editors of *Tonight*, and Jack Gold a former film editor of *Tonight*.
7.50 The Great Philosophers. Programme two of the 15-part series on the history of western philosophy, devised and presented by Bryan Magee, focuses on Aristotle. The philosopher's role as the supreme organizer and classifier of human knowledge is assessed by Professor Martha Nussbaum, professor of Classics and Philosophy at Brown University in the United States. (Ceefax)
8.35 International Tennis. The United States Championships from Flushing Meadow, New York, introduced by David Icke with Paul Hutchins. Live coverage of the men's singles final. The commentators are Dan Maskell, John Barrett and Gerald Williams.
12.00 approximately **International Golf.** Highlights of the final round's play in the Panasonic European Open. Introduced by Harry Carpenter. Ends at approximately **12.45.**

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6.55 TV-am 7.00 Are You Awake Yet?
8.30 Frost on Sunday.
9.25 Wake Up London 9.35 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe. (r).
10.00 No 73. Entertainment for children **10.30 The Adventures of Black Beauty** (r).
11.00 Morning Worship from Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church, Ballyclare, Co. Antrim.
12.00 Educating Britain. How to prevent 16-year-old pupils leaving school.
1.00 LWT News headlines followed by **Police 5 1.15 Link.** A report on the Government's new education plans. **1.30 Aids.** A guide for people with hearing difficulties.
2.00 The Human Factor. Martha Gellhorn, a war correspondent.
2.30 International Athletics. The McVitie's Challenge.
4.30 Knights of God. Episode two. (Oracle)
5.00 Bullseye.
5.30 Sunday Sunday. Gloria Hunniford's guests are Dennis Waterman and Victoria Wood.
6.30 News.
6.40 Highway. With Harry Secombe on the River Blackwater in Essex.
7.15 Cnud's Play. The guests are David Jensen and Moira Stuart.
7.45 The Last Frontier. The first of a two-part drama starring Linda Evans about an American woman coping with widowhood in the Australian outback.
9.45 News with David Cass.
10.00 The New Statesman. A new political comedy starring Rik Mayall.
10.30 Struggle for the Pole. A team retrace the steps of Captain Scott.
11.30 LWT News headlines followed by **ITV Schools: Thirty Years On.**
12.00 American Documentary: Colorado Canyon. The Arizona wonder of the world.
12.30 Mary. Comedy series.
1.00 Night Network features highlights from the Diamonds Awards Festival.
3.15 Film: The Man from Utah (1934, b/w) starring John Wayne as a cowboy investigating skullduggery at a rodeo. Directed by Robert North Bradbury.
4.15 Hawaii Five-O. McGarrett solves another sun-kissed crime (r).
5.00 Baseball '87. Cincinnati Reds v Los Angeles Dodgers. Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Rat Gaya. The final episode. **10.00 Equinox: You Want Bells on It?** (r) **11.00 The Waltons.**
12.00 Network 7 includes an interview with Sebastian Coe. **2.00 Chips' Comic.** (r).
2.30 Film: Duel in the Sun (1947) starring Jennifer Jones, Gregory Peck and Joseph Cotten. Western drama about a half-breed woman who causes ill-feeling between two brothers. Directed by King Vidor.
4.55 Film: Ella Goes to Hollywood (1926, b/w) starring Colleen Moore. A beauty contest winner goes to Hollywood to become a leading lady.
5.15 News summary and weather followed by **The Business Exchange.** Jim MacDonald and Wallace McCracken who have set up a specialist bakery business, seek the advice of Roger McKechnie and Ray Magee who set up the Phileas Fogg brand of snacks.
6.00 American Football. This first programme of a new series offers a chance to see the American Bowl played at Wembley in August between the Denver Broncos and the Los Angeles Rams.
7.15 Battle for the Planet. Bo Landin, a Swedish environmentalist, with a film that shows two sides of air pollution – acid rain and hazardous wastes. (Oracle)
8.15 The Flood. Dutch video artist Jaap Drupsteen's version of Igor Stravinsky's opera for television, inspired by a visit to flooded Venice.
8.45 Helen Chadwick – Of Mutability. A film of the progress of a project by artist Helen Chadwick mounted at London's Institute of Contemporary Arts.
9.15 Play: Doris and Doreen, by Alan Bennett, starring Prunella Scales and Patricia Routledge as colleagues working in a provincial office of a nationwide company, where there is talk of redundancy (r).
10.35 Film: The Bride Wore Black (1967) starring Jeanne Moreau. Black comedy-thriller about a woman who sets out to avenge her husband who was murdered on their wedding day. Directed by François Truffaut. Ends at **12.35.**

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until **11.30am**, then at **2.30pm, 3.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30** and **12.00** midnight
6.00am Mark Page **8.00** Peter Powell **10.00** Mike Read **12.30pm** Jimmy Savile (Top 10s from 1985, 1979 and 1973) **2.30** Sunday Live **3.30** Radio 1 More Time **4.00** Chartbusters **5.00** Top 40 **7.00** Anne Nightingale **9.00** Robbie Vincent **11.00-12.00** The Ranking Miss P. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **2.00pm** Benny Green **3.00** My Fifty Fretting Years (Guitarist Ivor Mairants) **4.00** Serenade **4.30** Sing Something Simple **5.00** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF
News on the hour (except **8.00pm**). Cricket Scoreboard **7.30pm**
4.00 Dave Bussey **6.00** Steve Truelove **7.30** Good Morning Sunday **9.05** Melodies For You (Richard Baker) **11.00** Desmond Carrington **2.00** Stuart Hall's Sunday Sport **6.30** Charlie Chester with Sunday Soapbox **7.35** Ivor (4) (The life and times of Ivor Novello) **8.30** Sunday Half-Hour (from Hymn Society's annual Act of Praise at Leeds Parish Church) **9.00** Your Hundred Best Tunes **10.05** Songs from the Shows **10.45** John Vallier at the piano **11.00** Sounds of Jazz **1.00am** Patrick Lunt **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

Times in GMT. Add an hour for BST **6.00am** Newsdesk **6.30** Jazz for the Asking **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours **7.30** From Our Own Correspondent **7.50** Waveguide **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** The Pleasure's Yours **9.00** News **9.09** Review of British Press **9.15** Science in Action **9.45** Three Wishes **10.00** News **10.01** Short Story **10.15** Classical Record Review **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** From Our Own Correspondent **11.30** Uncle Sam's Constitution **12.00pm** News **12.01** Two Worlds of Joseph Race **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours **1.30** Globe Theatre: Travelling North **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Women and the Aids Crisis, followed by Aids phone-in **4.00** News **4.09** Aids phone-in (continued) **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Heute Aktuel From **7.00** Globe Theatre: Travelling North **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **8.30** Sunday Half Hour **9.00** News **9.01** Short Story **9.15** The Pleasure's Yours **10.00** News **10.09** The Man of Property **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Women and the Aids Crisis **12.00am** News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Globe Theatre: Travelling North **2.00** News **2.09** Review of British Press **2.15** Peebles' Choice **2.30** Science in Action **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** Good Books **3.30** Six Four Eight **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.35 Open University: Science — Ultimate Structure of Maths
6.55 Weather **7.00** News
7.05 Mendelssohn: Variations concertantes Op 17 (the Selheims, cello and piano), Scherzo in A minor, Op 81 No 2 (Melos Quartet of Stuttgart). Fantasia in F sharp minor, Op 28 (Binns, piano), Sextet in D, Op 110 (Haas, piano, with members of Berlin Philharmonic Octet) **8.00** World Service News
8.10 Dennis Brain: the horn player in Schumann's Adagio and Allegro, Op 70 (with Gerald Moore, piano). Lennox Berkeley (Trio, with Pankian, violin and Horsley, piano). Mozart (Concerto in E flat, K 417, with Philharmonia) **9.00** News
9.05 Your Concert Choice: Poulenc (Gloria, with Norma Burrowes, soprano). Sibelius (Piano Pieces Op 24, Nos 3,4 and 5: Erik Tawaststjerna). Cui (Suite concertante Op 25: Nishizaki, violin, and Hong Kong PO), Strauss (Krämerspiegel, Op 66 Nos 1-12: Fischer-Dieskau, with Gerald Moore, piano). Schubert (Symphony No 8: Berlin PO)
10.45 Prom Talk Extra: with Peter Paul Nash, Michael Berkeley, Malcolm Hayes, Anthony Payne and John Drummond
11.15 Chilingirian String Quartet, with Clifford Benson (piano). Beethoven (Quartet in F minor Op 95), Shostakovich (Quartet No 8, and Piano Quintet in G minor, Op 57)
12.40 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra, under Rudolf Barshai, with Manoug Parikian (violin). Strauss (Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche), Mozart (Violin Concerto No 3), Tchaikovsky (Romeo and Juliet fantasy overture)
1.45 Villa-Lobos: Serenata, with Jennifer Smith (soprano). The works include Quinteto en forma de choros
2.55 The Saga of Eyrik: Charles Lewsen reads his own monologue
3.15 Beethoven in Vienna: Vienna Philharmonic (under Abbado), with Maurizio Pollini (piano). Symphony No 6; Leonora No 2 overture; Fantasia in C minor for piano, chorus and orchestra
4.45 BBC Singers, with Thomas Trotter (organ). Works by Saxton, Tallis, Morley, and Dering
5.30 In Order to Form a More Perfect Union: Lord Rawlinson of Ewell on the rifts between Executive and Congress in the United States.
6.20 Smetana String Quartet: Eben (Quartet No 1), Schubert (Quartet in E flat, D 87)
7.10 In Search of a Better Past: talk about the Third Reich, by Peter Pulzer, Gladstone
7.30 The Ring from Munich: Nikolaus Lehnhoff's production of Das Rheingold. Wolfgang Sawallisch conducts Bavarian State Orchestra. The principals include Julie Kaufmann, Angela Maria Blasi, Birgit Calm, Ekkehard Wlaschiha, Helmut Pampuch, James Morris, Robert Tear.
10.00 Debussy and Nicholas Maw: Klara Kormendi (piano) plays Maw's Personal I,II and III. Also Debussy's Etudes, Book II
10.40 Music and Sweet Poetry: Consort of Musicke perform madrigals by Orlando Gibbons.
11.00 Bournemouth Sinfonietta (under Tamas Vasary, piano). Mozart (Piano Concerto No 21), David Matthews (Introit Op 28). Bernard Stevens (Introduction, Variations and Fugue on a theme of Giles Farnaby)
11.57 News **12.00** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken (s) **6.55** Weather
7.00 News
7.10 Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm **7.40** Sunday incl **7.55** Weather
8.00 News **8.10** Sunday Papers **8.50** The Week's Good Cause **8.55** Weather
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America with Alistair Cooke
9.30 Morning Service: from St Wilfred's Parish Church, Longridge, Lancashire. Conducted by Father Anthony Grimshaw
10.15 The Archers. Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand: Martin Wainwright surveys Britain's periodicals
11.30 Pick of the Week: Margaret Howard's selection from the past week's BBC television and radio programmes
12.15 Desert Island Discs: Michael Parkinson's guest is the actress Joanna Lumley **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: the team of experts answer questions from Huddersfield Gardeners Club
2.30 Globe Theatre: Travelling North, by David Williamson (simultaneous broadcast with BBC World Service). With Stratford Johns and Madge Ryan. The setting is Queensland
4.00 News; Enterprise: Marjorie Lofthouse visits a company which provides wood chippings to the food industry
4.30 The Natural History Programme: dinosaurs
5.00 News; Down Your Way: Tom Watt visits Colwyn Bay and Snowdonia **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News
6.15 More Wrestling than Dancing. David Moreau attempts to come to grips with Life (2). The German Connection
6.30 International Assignment
7.00 The Count of Monte Cristo: (4) The House at Auteuil. With Andrew Sachs as Edmond Dantes (s)
8.00 A Good Read: Brian Gear with Jill Cochrane and Russell Twisk
8.30 The Cross and the Crescent: History of the Crusades. With Malcolm Billings . Tonight: The Wickedest City (r)
9.00 News; The Marxist Mandarin: Alexander Macleod, Foreign Editor of the Sunday Times, explores the political fortunes of Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader
10.00 News
10.15 Maria Callas: David Wheeler presents a portrait of the soprano on the tenth anniversary of her death. The contributors include Franco Zeffirelli, Sir John Tooley, Carlo Maria Giulini and Lord Harewood (r)
11.00 Seeds of Faith: Michael Wakelin investigates the common roots of paganism and Christianity
11.15 John Morgan on Money (r)
11.30 RSC in Repertoire: The staging of the Bill Alexander production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Presented by Linda Cookson (r)
12.00 News; Weather **12.33** Shipping

VHF as above except: **7.00-8.00** Open University **1.55-2.00pm** Programme News **4.00-6.00** Options

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; **LBC:**1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3; **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; **BBC Radio London:** 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9: **World Service:** MF 648kHz/463m.

Brittan plea for 'worthy rivals'

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Mr Leon Brittan, a member of Mrs Thatcher's Cabinet until his resignation during the Westland controversy, said *last night* that no party could expect to stay in power indefinitely and that vigorous opposition was needed to keep the governing party on its toes.

He said that it would be good for Britain if the Liberals and Social Democrats got their act together and concentrated on replacing the Labour Party.

The country was unlikely to elect a Labour Party lurching between unreconstructed extremism and unconvincing image-building, he said.

"That is why the ultimate replacement of the Labour Party by a new alternative to the Conservative Party is in the national interest."

Mr Brittan, speaking on the eve of the Liberal conference, added however that the new party had to be based on ideas "and *not just emotional* hostility to the Conservative Party and its leader".

Mr Brittan told the Alliance: "If you really want to replace the Labour Party it is a mistake to concentrate on winning by-elections in Conservative seats."

Doing so would make it seem no more than a short-term haven for Tories and prolong the life of the Labour Party by enabling Mr Kinnock to persuade traditional Labour voters not to desert.

The Alliance would have to aim for the long term, otherwise there would be chaos, such as the country was seeing now every few years, and only Labour would benefit.

Mr Brittan spoke too against the "delusion" that all the so-called parties of the left could unite against Mrs Thatcher.

"It is impossible to unite a credible and constructive political force *against* something on the basis of a rag-bag *of ideas and notions that* have no common theme."

He declared that the SDP/Liberal Alliance richly deserved its present comeuppance, claiming that it had *fought* the election on a fraudulent prospectus.

Dr David Owen said now that he could not conceivably join the Liberals, but he had spent the election urging half the constituencies in the country to vote for them.

The Alliance claim to represent the "new politics" of "nice people resolving their honest differences by reasoned discussion" was a humbug which the electorate had seen through.

- Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, added his voice yesterday to those of other Tory Cabinet ministers urging Dr Owen and his supporters to defect to the Tory party.

Mr Channon, speaking in Wolverhampton, said: "There is no place for the SDP as an independent party, but there is a place for him and all of those who support him in the Conservative Party".

One girl and her dog succeed in a man's world

Representing England: Janet Mason, a full-time secretary and part-time shepherd, and her canine partner, Slade, see their flock safely across a stream in Cumbria (Photographs: Chris Harris).

The title of the BBC's remarkably successful television programme, *One Man and His Dog*, may be in need of revision when Janet Mason represents England against male contestants from Scotland, Wales and *Ireland*

The latest sequence of sheepdog trials in the long-running series is to be filmed next week and shown in the New Year.

Janet, aged 18, daughter of a Cumbrian shepherd, started exhibiting her father's dogs at local shows at the age of 11. She was then encouraged to choose a puppy, which her father helped her to train, and later bought her present canine partner, Slade, a four-year-old collie.

Although she finds time to help her father at weekends, she works full-time as a secretary in Kendal and is slightly embarrassed to be described as a shepherdess.

In these emancipated times she is happy enough to be rated by television commentator Eric Halsall as one of the best handlers he has ever seen.

A moment's rest for the pair who will appear in the next series of televised sheep dog trials.

City banking firm wins huge refund from BT

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better understanding of its customers' requirements.

Mr Iain Vallance, BT's new chairman, this week sent a letter to Lord Boardman, *chairman of the Committee of* London and Scottish Bankers, promising improvements in services to the City. The CLSB represents the clearing banks which are among BT's biggest customers, with annual telephone bills of £30 to £50 million.

Many banks and financial institutions, however, were unwilling to complain publicly *about BT's service.* "If any company put its name to a complaint about BT, there is fear that its problems would be made worse", one firm said.

Since Big Bang last October, the City's dependence on telecommunications has vastly increased. Share dealing, for example, is no longer done face to face on the Stock Exchange floor but by telephone. Financial markets had become more international, bringing a greater reliance on telecommunications.

BT defended the delays in delivery by saying that four years ago, when new equipment was being planned, no one had foreseen the explosion in demand for telecommunications in the City. Suppliers had also been slow in delivering crucial exchange equipment and strikes had caused further problems.

It said that most faults would be ironed out within a month and promised that "all loose ends" would be tied up by the end of the year.

City institutions also voiced fears that BT had no satisfactory policy on the development of information technology.

Moore rejects attack on transfusion service

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regional system, but we are not disorganized.

"We have a very good service compared with any other country in the world and I think Dr Cash's comments are very destructive.

"There are fewer problems in Scotland because there are fewer people. I would rather have to run the Scottish service than the centre at Tooting in south London, which serves a bigger population.

"Even so, the people of London should be reassured that there is always plenty of blood for emergencies. If we ever have a shortage, it is easily solved by asking help from another region."

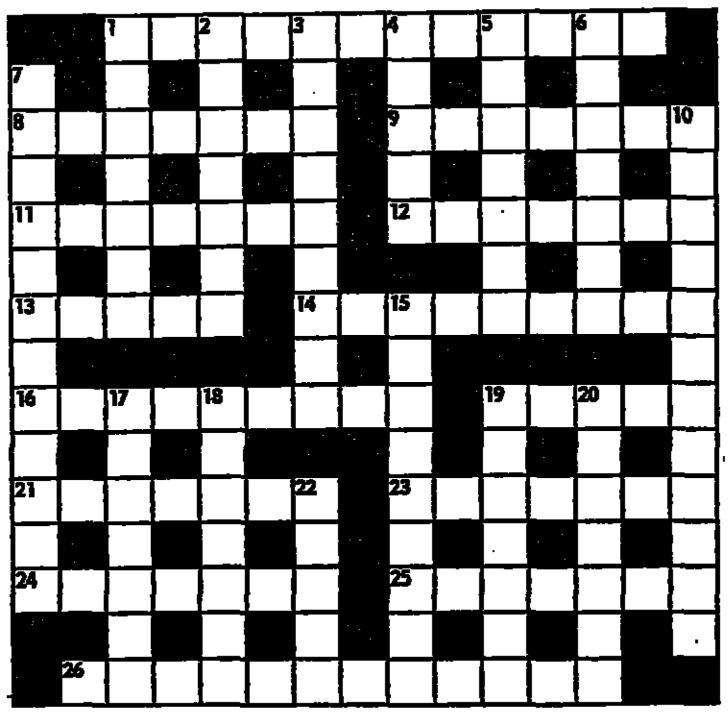
One of the most serious issues raised by Dr Cash has been *the risk of Aids to* sufferers of haemophilia infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) from contaminated blood-clotting products and transfusions. Most of the contamination was of Factor VIII imported from the United States because of shortages in this country.

About 1,200 of Britain's 7,700 haemophiliacs are known to be infected and 57 already have developed the disease, of whom 41 have died.

Mr David Watters, secretary of the Haemophilia Society, said yesterday: "The risk to people with haemophilia would have been considerably reduced if we had been self-sufficient in Factor VIII five years ago. That deficiency was a matter of concern 10 years ago and it is tragic that the problem was not tackled with greater speed.

"We are now asking the *Government to recognize the* special financial needs of the individuals and their families who are suffering as a result."

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,460



ACROSS

1 Local pool for game (8.4).
8 Mistaken about a piece of jewellery (7).
9 State providing cover for bookmaker (7).
11 Removing ends from no tall facade (7).
12 Sort of Hindu ring included by one magician (7).
13 This tree's a yielding type, we hear (5).
14 Historian's art evenly spread (9).
16 They allow foreigners in old man's plays (9).
19 Why one's lost in Oxford (5).
21 Certainly not young Cratchit's furniture (7).
23 Leading man from one English city or another (7).
24 Islander in a hat I designed (7).
25 Sort of bridge you reportedly captured in battle (7).
26 Gold box assessed or scored (12).

DOWN

1 Commander in conflict with cricket groundsman (7).
2 The sort who can't go straight? (7).
3 Controller to put in uniform (9).
4 New York pace does for maiden (5).
5 Apart from name, hunter is awfully like Esau (7).
6 Bravely disposing of leader, by chance (7).
7 Musical gift appreciated by batsmen (7.5).
10 Sport in East with 8, say (12).
15 It's simple to preside over this sort of sitting (4.5).
17 Perhaps veteran taken in by shilling king provided (7).
18 Get out for air (7).
19 Head's style when short of oarsmen (4.3).
20 Lacking test experience, I run Ted out (7).
22 One of these statesmen was screened at Oxford (5).

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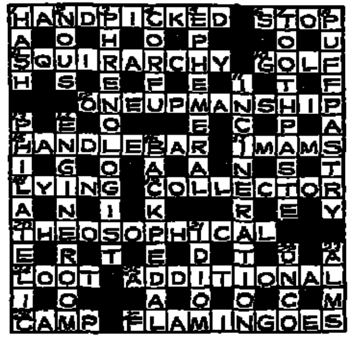
Solution to Puzzle No 17,454



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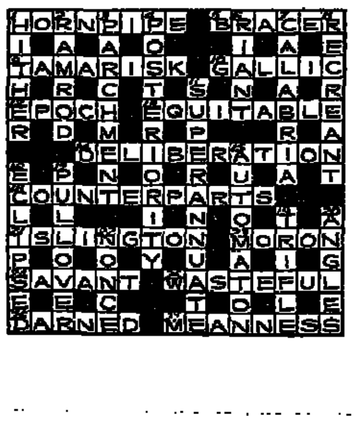

A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Miss M R Bateman, Leys Rd, Cambridge; Mr J S Grainge, Alderman Rd, Knightswood, Glasgow; Mrs S Jones, Cyncoed Rd, Cardiff; Mr S G Must, Water End Park, Basing, Basingstoke; Mr T W Warburton, Station Rd, Marple, Stockport.

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WEATHER

Much of the country will have a cloudy day with some occasional rain or drizzle. Heavier rain will reach far south-west England during the morning and spread north and eastwards to cover all northern and western England and Scotland. More central and eastern England together with parts of south-east Scotland may have drier and brighter intervals. Widespread fog along southern and western coasts. Outlook: Continuing unsettled.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	26	79	Madrid	s	28	82
Akrotiri	s	28	82	Majorca	s	29	84
Alex'dria	f	28	82	Malta	s	31	88
Algiers	s	29	84	Melb'rne	c	14	57
Athens	s	30	86	Miami*	s	34	93
Bahrain	s	38	100	Montreal*	c	19	66
Barbads*	f	31	88	Moscow	f	16	61
Barcelna	s	27	81	Nairobi	c	25	77
Berlin	c	18	64	N Delhi	s	34	93
Bermuda*	s	30	86	N York*	s	13	55
Borde'x	s	25	77	Nice	s	26	79
Brussels	s	19	66	Oslo	f	14	57
Budapst	f	25	77	Paris	c	18	64
B Aires*	c	19	66	Prague	f	18	64
Cairo	s	32	90	Rhodes	s	27	81
Cape Tn	c	16	61	Rio de J	c	23	73
Chicago*	f	26	79	Rome	s	27	81
Ch'church	c	10	50	S F'risco*	f	18	64
Cologne	c	18	64	Santiago*	s	13	55
Corfu	s	30	86	Seoul	c	27	81
Dubrovnik	s	27	81	St'kholm	f	16	61
Faro	s	27	81	Sydney	s	15	59
Florence	s	27	81	Tangier	s	31	88
Frankfurt	d	14	57	Tenerife	s	30	86
Geneva	s	23	73	Tokyo	r	24	75
Gibraltar	s	25	77	Toronto*	s	22	72
Hong K	c	28	82	Tunis	s	32	90
Istanbul	s	25	77	Vanc'ver*	s	19	66
Jo'burg*	f	21	70	Venice	s	25	77
L Palmas	s	30	86	Vienna	r	21	70
Le Tquet	c	18	64	Warsaw	f	18	64
Locarno	s	23	73	Wash'ton*	f	28	82
L Angels*	f	25	77	Wel'nton	c	13	55
				Zurich	f	22	72

* Thursday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	7.0	.04	17	63	sunny
Bridlington	8.4	.04	18	64	sunny
Cromer	7.5	.01	19	66	sunny
Clacton	5.3	.01	20	68	sunny
Southend	4.8	.01	20	68	bright
Folkestone	5.7	.22	20	68	sunny
Hastings	6.0	.03	19	66	sunny
Brighton	7.1	.13	18	64	sunny
Worthing	6.5	.08	19	66	sunny
Southsea	8.3	-	20	68	sunny
Sandown	8.0	.05	19	66	sunny
Bournemth	7.5	.04	20	68	sunny
Exmouth	5.8	.08	19	66	sunny
Torquay	7.3	-	21	70	sunny
Penzance	6.8	-	19	66	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.3	.02	*	*	sunny
Ilfracombe	*	.24	18	64	dull
Minehead	9.0	.08	19	66	shower
Morecambe	8.8	.56	16	61	shower
Douglas	*	.15	15	59	shower
Bristol (Ctrl)	7.2	.15	18	64	shower
Carlisle	8.2	.27	15	59	shower
Anglesey	7.2	.05	16	61	shower
Eskdalemuir	4.3	.26	13	55	shower
Glasgow	5.9	.11	15	59	shower
Kinloss	8.5	.01	15	59	shower
Prestwick	5.2	.02	15	59	thundr
Stornoway	2.1	.68	12	54	thundr
Tiree	8.1	.13	15	59	shower
Wick	7.3	.01	14	57	bright
Belfast	5.7	.03	15	59	shower

These are Thursday's figures

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.37	7.1	5.44	7.1	London Bridge	6.12	6.7	6.20	6.8
Aberdeen	4.43	4.4	5.17	3.8	Aberdeen	5.26	4.0	5.58	3.6
Avonmouth	10.57	13.0	11.16	12.7	Avonmouth	11.28	12.1	11.48	11.7
Belfast	2.34	3.6	2.59	3.3	Belfast	3.20	3.4	3.46	3.3
Cardiff	10.42	12.0	11.01	11.7	Cardiff	11.13	11.2	11.33	10.8
Devonport	9.32	5.3	9.41	5.2	Devonport	9.54	5.1	10.04	4.9
Dover	2.33	6.5	2.47	6.7	Dover	3.11	6.2	3.25	6.3
Falmouth	9.02	5.1	9.11	5.0	Falmouth	9.24	4.9	9.34	4.7
Glasgow	4.25	5.1	4.38	4.7	Glasgow	5.00	4.8	5.10	4.7
Harwich	3.29	3.9	3.37	4.1	Harwich	4.04	3.8	4.15	3.9
Holyhead	1.42	5.7	2.04	5.2	Holyhead	2.23	5.3	2.45	4.9
Hull	9.51	7.7	10.21	6.9	Hull	10.34	7.1	10.59	6.5
Ilfracombe	9.39	8.7	10.00	8.6	Ilfracombe	10.11	8.2	10.34	7.9
Leith	6.15	5.6	6.50	5.2	Leith	7.00	5.2	7.39	4.9
Liverpool	2.41	9.5	2.59	8.9	Liverpool	3.18	8.9	3.34	8.4
Lowestoft	1.07	2.3	1.05	2.6	Lowestoft	1.46	2.2	1.50	2.5
Margate	3.46	4.6	3.44	4.8	Margate	4.17	4.4	4.22	4.7
Milford Haven	9.53	6.7	10.12	6.6	Milford Haven	10.27	6.2	10.49	6.1
Newquay	8.45	6.7	9.05	6.6	Newquay	9.21	6.3	9.44	6.1
Oban	9.03	3.7	9.32	3.6	Oban	9.33	3.5	10.07	3.3
Penzance	8.37	5.4	8.47	5.3	Penzance	9.01	5.2	9.11	4.9
Portland	10.32	2.2	10.59	2.1	Portland	10.58	1.9	11.26	1.8
Portsmouth	2.58	4.7	3.25	4.7	Portsmouth	3.38	4.5	4.01	4.5
Shoreham	2.41	6.2	2.59	6.2	Shoreham	3.14	5.9	3.31	5.8
Southampton	2.19	4.5	2.44	4.4	Southampton	3.02	4.2	3.28	4.2
Swansea	9.56	9.3	10.18	9.1	Swansea	10.29	8.8	10.55	8.5
Tees	7.17	5.5	7.45	5.1	Tees	8.00	5.2	8.27	4.7
W'ton-on-Nze	3.22	4.2	3.30	4.3	W'ton-on-Nze	3.58	4.0	4.11	4.1

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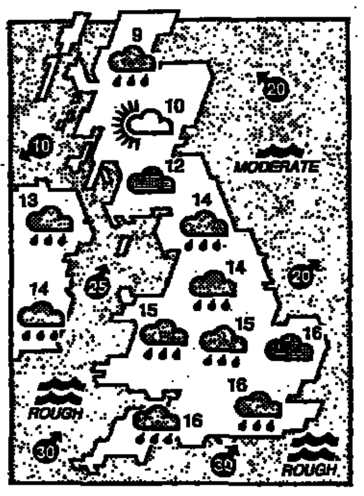

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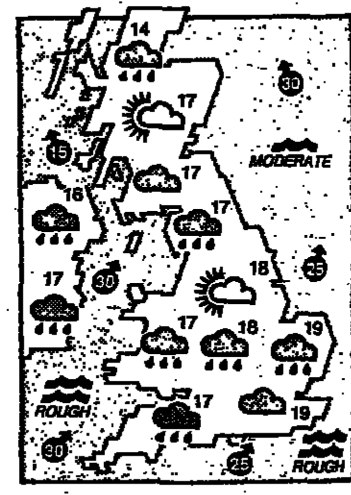

LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 7.53 pm to 6.11 am
Bristol 8.03 pm to 6.11 am
Edinburgh 8.10 pm to 6.09 am
Manchester 8.04 pm to 6.08 am
Penzance 8.14 pm to 6.24 am

TOMORROW
London 7.51 pm to 6.03 am
Bristol 8.01 pm to 6.13 am
Edinburgh 8.07 pm to 6.11 am
Manchester 8.01 pm to 6.10 am
Penzance 8.12 pm to 6.25 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	14	57	Guernsey	c	18	64
B'mgham	f	17	63	Inverness	c	14	57
Blackpool	s	17	63	Jersey	c	19	66
Bristol	r	18	64	London	f	18	64
Cardiff	c	17	63	M'nchster	s	17	63
Edinburgh	f	15	59	Newcastle	c	16	61
Glasgow	f	15	59	R'nldsway	f	16	61

TODAY

Sun rises: 6.30 am
Sun sets: 7.23 pm
Moon sets: 12.42 pm
Moon rises: 8.52 pm
Last quarter September 15

TOMORROW

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Moon sets: 2.02 pm
Moon rises: 9.18 pm
Last quarter September 15

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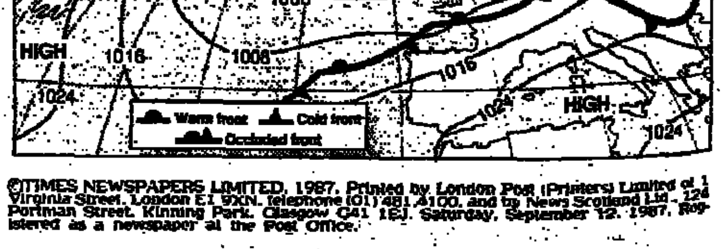

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THE TIMES

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12 1987

**Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet**

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1763.8 (+2.5)

FT-SE 100
2261.2 (+8.0)

Bargains
47765 (34282)

USM (Datastream)
210.29 (+0.76)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6530 (+0.0080)

W German mark
2.9713 (+0.0021)

Trade-weighted
73.1 (+0.2)

BP sell-off attracts 3m inquiries

A record 3 million people have expressed interest in the Government's sell-off of its stake in BP by registering with the share information office.

This easily tops the response at the same stage of the British Gas flotation last autumn. BP said there were 150,000 inquiries a day.

The sale of the Government's 31.5 per cent holding, together with the issue of new shares, is expected to raise £7.5 billion.

People who register before a cut-off date next month will be guaranteed, if they apply, an allocation of shares and preferential treatment if heavy demand leads to applications being scaled down.

Enterprise up

Profits after tax at Enterprise Oil jumped by 95 per cent to £24.4 million in the six months to end-June. The interim dividend was raised from 3.5p to 4p.

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Delta up 11%

Delta Group, the electricals and engineering group, made pretax profits of £30.3 million in the half-year to July 4, a rise of 11 per cent. The dividend was increased 12 per cent to 12.6p.

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SE warning

The Stock Exchange has told more than 200 member firms that they will be fined if they do not settle long-outstanding bargains by October 23.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2608.10 (+32.05)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	24828.27 (+33.03)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3660.7 (+59.54)
Amsterdam: Gen	313.5 (+3.1)
Sydney: AO	2206.7 (+21.7)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1974.2 (+0.3)
Brussels:	
General	5128.3 (+119.7)
Paris: CAC	431.9 (+1.0)
Zurich: SKA Gen	603.5 (+10.0)
London:	
FT.–A All-Share	1155.64 (+3.59)
FT.– "500"	1268.57 (+3.5)
FT. Gold Mines	453.0 (+4.1)
FT. Fixed interest	90.92 (+0.11)
FT. Govt Secs	85.43 (+0.1)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Suter	304p (+15p)
Wolseley	655p (+17p)
Woodhouse Rixson	114p (+23p)
Hampton Trust	127p (+11p)
DPCE Holdings	310p (+15p)
Multitone Electro	98p (+10p)
Central TV	636p (+37p)
Scottish TV	610p (+24p)
Gus 'A'	1323p (+28p)
Wellcome	476p (+14p)
Equity & Law	415p (+25p)
Pearl Assurance	418p (+15p)
FALLS:	
Redland	489p (-11p)
Aurora	88p (-14p)
Delta Group	288p (-16p)
Siebe	818p (-115p)
Optical Medical	246p (-14p)
Olives Paper Mill	172p (-13p)
Holmes & Marchant	380p (-30p)
Miller & Santhouse	590p (-25p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10%
3-month interbank 10 3/16-10 1/16%
3-month eligible bills: 9 27/32-9 25/32%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8¾%
Federal Funds 7 1/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.34-6.33%*
30-year bonds 93 11/16-93¾*

CURRENCIES

London:	**New York:**
£: $1 6530	£: $1.6505*
£: DM2.9713	$: DM1.7995*
£: SwFr2.4589	$: SwFr1.4900*
£: FFr9.9345	$: FFr6.0230*
£: Yen234.06	$: Yen142.80*
£: Index:73.1	$: Index:100.4
ECU £0.696371	SDR £0.784928

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $460.09 pm-$459.85
close $458.75-459.25 (£277.00-277.50)
New York:
Comex $457.50-458.00*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct) pm $18.20bbl ($18.43)
* Denotes latest trading price

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US deficit hits record $16.4bn

Dollar and interest rates under increased pressure

From Bailey Morris, Washington

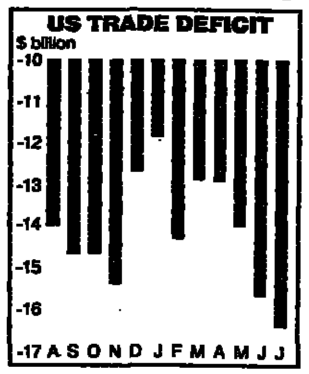
Financial markets reacted strongly yesterday to the closely watched figures for the US trade deficit, which rose to a record $16.47 billion (£9.96 billion) in July, up sharply from $15.71 billion the month before.

The dollar dropped nearly a cent in London to $1.6530 against sterling, and weakened to DM1.7995 and Y142.73.

The July figures also put renewed pressure on interest rates which have been rising sharply in recent months. There was speculation that the Federal Reserve Board would again be forced to raise the discount rate if there is continued turbulence in US bond markets. The discount rate was raised by a half per cent to 6 per cent eight days ago.

Analysts said the stubbornly high trade deficit could also create temporary tensions within the European Monetary System as EEC finance ministers meet in Denmark this weekend to discuss closer co-operation in managing the EMS.

Last month's deficit exceeded the prior monthly record of $16.05 billion in July, 1986 and continued the sharp upward swing that surprised markets in June, when the monthly deficit rose by $1.7 billion to $15.7 billion, then the second highest on record.



Commerce Department officials released the figures as Congressional officials renewed their negotiations on the final version of a massive trade bill which financial markets regards as dangerously protectionist. The new figures were certain to increase political pressure in favour of restrictive legislation.

The July data reflected a familiar pattern of rising imports and falling exports, which declined by 0.6 per cent to $21.01 billion from $21.13 billion in June. Imports totalled $37.48 billion. Petroleum imports continued to rise strongly, increasing by 13.2 per cent last month to 243.02 million barrels. The value of petrol imports, reflecting sharply higher prices, increased to $4.65 billion from $4.02 billion in June.

Administration officials attempted to calm fears over the trade deficit, which remains high at a time when inflation is creeping upward, the dollar is vulnerable and the battle continues over the record fiscal deficit.

Mr James Miller, head of the Office of Management and the Budget, said yesterday that the trade outlook is improving despite July's poor performance.

The consensus among private economists is that the trade deficit is likely to remain stuck at a stubbornly high level, but that it will not increase at the pace of prior years.

The latest rise in the discount rate was in part prompted by the prospect of poor trade figures for July, and the pessimistic view in Congress of the US trade performance. The central bank wanted to calm tensions in the bond markets where prices had fallen sharply.

Speculation was rife that the trade figures would reveal a deficit as high as $20 billion. Other rumours put the July figure at $12 billion.

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Inflation forecast to decline from August peak of 4.4%

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The rate of inflation in the 12 months to August was 4.4 per cent, unchanged on the July rate. But these two months represented the peak for the year, and inflation is officially forecast to head downwards for the rest of 1987.

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Employment, said the 4.4 per cent peak rate this year was good news, in that a summer rise to 4.5 per cent had been anticipated.

"We can now look forward to inflation declining to under 4 per cent at the end of the year, as forecast by the Chancellor," he added. "This is encouraging progress and wage negotiators should take full account of it."

The index of retail prices rose to 102.1 (January 1987=100) last month, a rise of 0.3 per cent from the 101.8 level recorded in July.

The rise in prices reflected higher seasonal food prices, with tomatoes, apples and oranges all higher, and higher clothing and footwear prices at the end of the summer clearance sales.

There were also some price falls. The cost of fuel and light fell fractionally because of the second tranche of price reductions by British Gas, and summer discounts on coal.

The rate of inflation is set to fall over the remainder of the year because prospective monthly rises in the retail price index are lower than a year ago. In September last year, the index rose by 0.5 per cent and in November 0.8 per cent. The average monthly rise in the index this year has

RETAIL PRICE INDEX

	Index (Jan '87=100)	Change on month (%)	Change over 12 months (%)
1987			
March	100.6	0.2	4.0
April	101.8	1.2	4.2
May	101.9	0.1	4.1
June	101.9	0	4.2
July	101.8	-0.1	4.4
August	102.1	0.3	4.4

Source: Department of Employment

Only a big rise in mortgage rates could now stand in the way of a fall in inflation to 4 per cent or below by the end of the year, although there are uncertainties about the outlook for next year. Several forecasters anticipate a rise in inflation to 5 or 6 per cent by the second half of next year.

But James Capel, the broker, yesterday predicted that the inflation rate would stay around 3.5 to 4 per cent during 1988.

Britain's inflation rate remains high by international standards. The rate of 4.4 per cent last month compared with a latest average for the industrialized economies of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development of 3.5 per cent, and 2.8 per cent for the EEC.

The United States has a rate of 3.9 per cent, France 3.4 per cent, Switzerland 1.9 per cent and West Germany 0.7 per cent. In Japan prices are falling at a 0.4 per cent rate.

Another measure of inflation produced by the Government, the tax and price index, showed a decline last month. The 12-month rate of rise for the TPI, which takes into account direct tax as well as price changes, fell from 2.8 per cent in July to 2.6 per cent last month.

Changes agreed for EMS

By Our Economics Correspondent

The finance ministers of the European Economic Community will announce agreement on technical changes to the workings of the European Monetary System today.

The ministers, meeting in Nyborg, Denmark, are set to move ahead with a modest strengthening of the EMS, through changes in the procedures for intervening to support weak currencies.

Intervention will, in future, be undertaken before countries have reached the limits of their maximum permitted movements within the EMS.

But the West German Bundesbank has insisted that this "intra-marginal intervention" is conducted in such a way that it does not expand the German money supply.

Under present arrangements, if the Bundesbank agrees to intervention in marks in support of weak currencies, those marks are borrowed from the Bundesbank by the weak currency country's central bank.

The Banque de France, for example, would seek permission to borrow marks when the franc was nearing its intervention limit against the mark. After the intervention, the Banque de France can then pay back the Bundesbank 50 per cent in European Currency Units and 50 per cent in another currency, typically dollars.

The marks that have been used to support the weak currency remain in circulation, and the West German money supply is expanded, with potential inflationary consequences there.

Under the new arrangements, the Bundesbank will extend mark credits to other EMS central banks on the understanding that, when the currency pressure is over, the credits are repaid in marks.

The new arrangements, while implying that West Germany will grant automatic permission to other central banks to borrow marks in such circumstances, do not require the Bundesbank itself to intervene.

Alan Clark: better value for money from the ECGD system

Banks in accord on export loans

By Colin Narbrough

The Government and the banks yesterday announced a five-year agreement to lower bank earnings on government-backed export lending and open the way for refinancing such loans, primarily using the capital markets.

The changes involving the Fixed-Rate Export Finance scheme (Fref) take effect from December 1, although an earlier appoach to the market is not ruled out.

Mr Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, welcomed the accord as giving greater value for money from the Government's system of credit guarantees, while ensuring that exporters' interests were fully protected.

No official estimates of the potential savings to the Government are available, but the refinancing move alone is expected to save the public purse an annual £5 million for each £1 billion of export lending. The Export Credits Guarantee Department puts the Fref portfolio currently at £8.5 billion.

The joint statement on the agreement spoke merely of "worthwhile savings."

The pact, the first reform of the system since 1981-82, emerged after 18 months of talks between the ECGD and the Committee of London and Scottish Clearing Bankers, with the Bank of England chairing the negotiations.

Margins for new Fref loans from December 1 will range from ½ per cent to ⅞ per cent over the London interbank offered rate.

The impact of the changes will be varied, but "the overall effect will be that the banks' remuneration from this class of lending will be lower than under present arrangements," the statement said.

The banks party to the agreement, including all the main clearers, do not expect the lower margins to cause any mass exodus from the export finance business. The accord aims to provide "sufficient incentive" for the banks.

Compared with other leading European exporting nations, British margins will remain in the upper half of the range, but are nowhere near the top.

For the banks, the deal provides a residual margin to be paid after refinancing, giving them the same effective return over the life of the loan as they would have received without refinancing.

Working groups will be set up to devise and oversee the practical arrangements of refinancing, and establish the most appropriate structure.

Both sides in the new Fref agreement dismiss suggestions that the disputed Castle Peak power station loan, in which the banks were forced to accept refinancing at a margin of only 3/16 per cent over money market rates, has any bearing on the new accord.

£100m bid agreed by Hampton

By Our City Staff

Hampton Trust, the Australian gold mining operation transformed into a British property group, has been valued at £100 million in an agreed takeover bid from New Zealand's second largest property company, Aurora Group.

Aurora, itself 78 per cent owned by Equiticorp Holdings, is currently embroiled in a £338 million bid for Guinness Peat Group. It wants only 60 per cent of Hampton, and will place any additional shares that the bid attracts.

Terms of its offer are 120p in cash for each Hampton share amd have been accepted by the directors, including Mr David Lewis and Iraqi-born Mr Seleh Shohet, who between them speak for 41 per cent of the equity.

Hampton, with its portfolio concentrated in London and the South, has "excellent future growth prospects and is responsive to active management," said Mr Bruce Holdsworth, managing director, yesterday.

Equity & Law rejects £403m du Midi offer

By Michael Tate

Compagnie du Midi, the £2 billion French financial services conglomerate, has launched a £403 million bid for control of Equity & Law, one of Britain's biggest life assurance companies.

It tops by 10 per cent last week's £367 million offer by Brierley Investments, headed by Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealander.

Compagnie du Midi, which is based in Paris, is bidding 400p a share in cash for Equity & Law which M Pascal Vienot, the finance director, sees as the French group's life assurance flagship in Europe. However, like Brierley's 365p a share bid it was rejected by the Equity & Law board.

The French company faces an uphill battle since Brierley, New Zealand's second largest company, and owner of New Zealand Insurance, already holds 29.6 per cent of the shares. The outcome may well rest on whether Mr Brierley is prepared to take a handsome profit on his shareholding in return for acceptance of Compagnie du Midi's offer.

The view in insurance circles last night was that a merger between Compagnie du Midi and Equity & Law would be a good match, and that, in spite of a reputation for not increasing its first offer in bid situations, the French might be persuaded to lift their offer by another 20p or so in return for acceptance by Brierley and/or Equity & Law board recommendation.

On the stock market Equity & Law shares climbed to 420p.

Compagnie du Midi, is the fifth largest company in France, and its interests range from insurance through banking services, investment and property to industrial interests. Its insurance operations are run by Assurances du Groupe de Paris, one of the most profitable insurance groups in France.

It has a premimum income of £800 million, but less than £200 million is life business. "Equity & Law, with £380 million income, all of its life insurance, will complement our existing business," the company said.

M Vienot said that his company had been monitoring the changes taking place in the United Kingdom life assurance industry for some years, and had identified Equity & Law as a "reputable and innovative company whose philosophy is in keeping with our own."

"They are a perfect match for us, both in size and gepgraphcially. They are already in northern Europe, in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany, and we are in the south."

Discussions about "our similar philosophies" had taken place on a number of occasions, and most recently last spring, said M Vienot. He also confirmed that he had talked to Mr Brierley about the New Zealander's plans in the early part of the summer, when he was building his stake.

Siebe pays $227m for US company

By Alison Eadie

Siebe, the fast growing engineering conglomerate, is making another sizeable American acquisition, its third in the past year.

It is buying Barber-Colman, a manufacturer of engineered controls products, for $227.5 million (£137.9 million) in cash. The deal is being financed by a two-for-five rights issue of ordinary shares at 780p, which will raise £207 million net.

The £69 million balance of the proceeds will be used to reduce group borrowings. Siebe shares slumped 113p to 820p as the stock market reacted against another large paper offering from Siebe.

Barber-Colman's activities are grouped into six divisions. Environmental controls and energy management systems account for 41 per cent of sales. Industrial instruments systems – 21 per cent of sales – is a leading manufacturer of electronic control products and systems for the plastics machinery market.

Barber-Colman made operating profits in the year to January 3 of $15.2 million on sales of $251 million. In the first six months of this year, it made operating profits of $11.3 million.

Mr Barrie Stephens, chief executive of Siebe, said Siebe had demonstrated its ability to integrate and rationalize large American companies into existing businesses.

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Monopolies study for BCA and Leisure Circle merger

Book reference for WH Smith

By Alexandra Jackson

Book club doyens around Europe were scratching their heads yesterday after the surprise referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission of the proposed merger of Book Club Associates, Britain's leading book club, with the much smaller Leisure Circle.

Until the end of last year, BCA was owned jointly by WH Smith & Son and Doubleday, the American publisher, but Doubleday was taken over by Bertelsmann, the West German publishing house.

This triggered a mechanism which allowed WH Smith to offer its 50 per cent share in BCA to Bertelsmann for £69 million. Bertelsmann arranged to sell a 50 per cent share in BCA to Les Presses de la Cité, a company already in partnership with Bertelsmann through a French book club, France-Loisirs.

Bertelsmann also owns 100 per cent of Leisure Circle, BCA's main competitor but a fifth its size with under 400,000 members. It planned to sell 50 per cent of this to Les Presses de La Cité.

It is this potential deal which appears to have attracted the authorities' attention. It may not be considered to be in the public's interest to have two-thirds of the British book club market under common ownership.

Dr Walter Gerstgrasser, head of Bertelsmann's book club operations, said yesterday: "We are very surprised about the referral and will be asking officials from the Office of Fair Trading for an explanation."

Dr Gerstgrasser pointed out that although it was planned that BCA and Leisure Circle would be under the same management, they would continue in the marketplace as independent operators.

WH Smith's sale of 50 per cent of BCA to Bertelsmann is unconditional, but WH Smith has been asked by the OFT to delay completion of the deal for up to three months.

Although WH Smith will have to wait to enjoy the profits of the sale of more than £60 million, it will continue to take a half share of profits which last year were more than £7 million.

STOCK MARKET

Late buying spree lifts Storehouse

By Michael Clark

A late flurry of speculative buying yesterday added almost £65 million to the £1.5 billion stock market value of **Storehouse**, the ASDA-MFI *and British Home Stores* retailer, as hopes grew that Mr Tony Clegg's Mountleigh Group was close to launching its long-awaited bid.

The Storehouse share price ended the day 16p higher at *382p — just 19p below its peak* — as 15 million shares changed hands. The speculation may have been sparked by the news that Mr Clegg's offer for Pension Fund Property Unit Trust had been topped by another property group, Tops Estates, which is bidding £270 million. This followed hard on the heels of the GEC Pension *Fund's decision to drop its* partial offer for PFPUT.

It is now almost a month since Mr Clegg was forced by the Takeover Panel into announcing that he was considering making a bid for Storehouse, aimed at breaking up the group. Since then the market has been deafened by the silence from Mountleigh which appears to be concentrating its efforts on *PFPUT.*

Mr Clegg has always maintained that he has the money to launch a bid for Storehouse *— which is unlikely to leave* him with much change out of £1.8 billion. He now promises to make a statement about his intentions towards Storehouse *some time next* week.

The rest of the equity spent an unsettled day, losing an early lead following the latest US trade figures, showing a record *$16.47* billion deficit, from which it had difficulty in recovering.

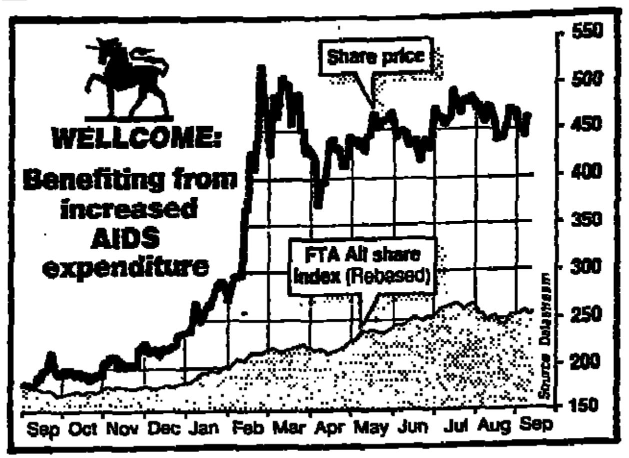
A £207 million rights issue from Siebe — its third in 18 months — also upset sentiment, rekindling fears that another wave of cash calls might be in the pipeline. But a firmer trend on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones industrial average enjoyed an early, *21-point rise, allowed* equities to regain some of their composure toward the close. The FT 30 share index finished the long, three-week account 2.5 points up at 1,763.8, having been 7.1 down at one stage. Its rise on the account was 36.6 points (2.1 per cent).

● BAT Industries started nudging towards its year's high with a rise of 12p to 667p as more than 3 million shares were traded. There was talk *among dealers that* the company had lined up a meeting with European fund managers over the weekend aimed at drumming up support for the shares.

The FT-SE 100 index also spent a nervous session, reversing *an early 6.3-point* lead before rallying to close at its best level of the day, 8.0 points up at 2,261.2.

Government securities *made the most of the weaker* dollar, scoring gains of up to £½ at the longer end.

Wellcome continued to attract support on the news that the US healthcare financing administration is planning to increase expenditure in the *battle against* Aids. *A state*ment earlier this week forecast a six-fold increase to $2.4 billion (£*1.44* billion) by 1992. Wellcome still leads the way in the struggle against Aids with its drug, Retrovir, which is designed to slow down the spread of the disease in the body. Expenditure on Retrovir alone by the American authorities is expected to reach $375 million.



But reports that Wellcome's nearest rival, Hoffman La Roche, the Swiss drugs group, had scrapped work on its own anti-Aids drug, DDC, turned out to be wide of the mark.

Miss Linda Tremaine, a pharmaceuticals analyst at Robert Fleming, the securities house, said she had been contacted by Hoffman La Roche and assured that research work was continuing as normal. Like Retrovir, DDC had also attracted criticism because of the high toxicity levels found in the drug. But Miss Tremaine said these problems could be dosage-related and unlikely to be insurmountable.

Wellcome finished the day 14p dearer at 476p as more *than 3 million shares* were traded. Robert Fleming remains bullish about the stock and is confident that the next stop could be the 500p level.

The big four clearing banks opened the day on a flat note after *learning that the Argen*tinian government was planning to freeze interest repayments on its foreign debts, totalling £33 billion.

The stock market was predictably jittery about the news. All four banks combined have lent Argentina about £1.87 billion and Brazil's decision earlier this year to freeze interest payments is still fresh in dealers' minds.

***● Late speculative buying* lifted Rolls-Royce in its fully paid form 5p to 200p as almost 2 million shares were traded. The second tranche of 85p, due for payment on September 26, should finally sort out the lingering doubts about foreign holders that have overshadowed the shares.**

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, estimates that the **Midland Bank** has the most exposure to Argentina with loans of £651 million, followed by **Lloyds**, which is owed *£455 million.* **National Westminster** has lent about £400 million and **Barclays** accounts for approximately £369 million.

BZW was unperturbed by the early shakeout and said *that it was generally quite* a good time to buy the shares. Some dealers thought this kind of positive thinking was behind the rally later in the *day which enabled share* prices to close above their worst levels.

But losses were still seen in Lloyds, down 13p at 340p, *Midland*, 5p at 489p, NatWest, 4p at 708p and Barclays, 2p at 573p.

The boom in television advertising was good for another flurry *of activity* in the shares of the independent television contractors.

The re-rating of the television companies was led by **Central Independent Television**, up by another 37p at 636p.

Other contractors to go better included **Anglia Television**, 4p to 498p, **HTV** non-voting, 15p to 373p, **LWT (Holdings)**, 5p to 995p, **Scottish TV**, *24p to 610p*, **TSW**, *2p* to 81p, **TV South**, 4p to 418p and **Yorkshire TV**, 10p to 324p.

WALL STREET

Dow above the 2,600 level in early trading

New York (Agencies) — The Dow Jones industrial average briefly topped the 2,600 level in early trading yesterday. This rally was based on a better-than-expected US trade deficit figure. Analysts explained that the market rose on internal interest without support from the bond or dollar markets.

Later in the morning the Dow average slipped back to 2,597.74 — a rise of 21.69 points on the *opening*. Rising shares outnumbered declining issues by two to one.

IBM, a bell-wether share, rose by 1 to 158¾. Eastman Kodak rose by 1¼ to 101 and General Electric by ¾ to 61½.

***On Thursday, the Dow average closed 26.78 higher at* 2,576.05.**

● Washington — Mr James Miller, the White House *Director of the Office of* Management and Budget, said that the Federal Reserve's action to raise the discount rate by half of a percentage *point to 6 per cent* was "an acknowledgement of what the market is doing."

	Sep 10	Sep 9
AMR Cp	57%	57%
ASA	65	65%
Aetna Life	60%	60%
Allied Signal	44%	44%
Allis Chlm	2%	2%
Alcoa	59%	58%
Amax Inc	27%	25%
AMR Hess	34%	33%
Am Brands	52%	52%
Am Cynmd	50%	49%
Am Ele Pwr	26%	26%
Amexs	36%	35%
Am Home	89%	88%
Am Motor	n.a	n.a
Am Stand	49%	48%
Am Telph	32%	32
Amoco Cp	79%	78%
Armco Steel	12%	12%
Asarco Inc	30%	30%
Ashland Oil	67%	66%
Atl Richfld	88%	89%
Avon Prod	35	35%
Bk Boston	30%	31%
Bank NY	42%	41%
Bankamer	12	12%
Bkrs Tst NY	45%	45
Baxter	26%	26%
Beth Steel	17%	16%
Boeing	50%	49%
Boise Casc	80	80
Borden	57	57%
Bristl Myr	46%	46%
BP	72	71%
Brunswick	28%	27%
Burl Ind	n.a	n.a
Burl Nth	72%	72%
CBS	199	190%
CMS Engy	16%	16%
CPC Int	54	53%
CSX Cp	38%	37%
Cmpbell Sp	63%	63%
Can Pacific	20%	20
Caterpillar	67%	65%
Centrl SW	31%	31%
Champion	36%	38%
Chase Man	38	38%
Chem NY	38%	38%
Chevron	54%	54%
Chrysler	42%	43
Citicorp	59%	58%
Clark Eq	30	29
Coca Cola	49	49%
Colgate	47%	46%
Colomb Gas	51%	52
Cmb'tn Eng	42	41%
Cmwlth Edi	32%	32%
Cons Edis	43%	43%
Consol Ng	42%	42%
Cont Data	34	33%
Corning Gl	70%	69%
Crane	30%	30%
Curtiss Wrt	n.a	64%
Data Genl	31	30%
Deere Co	35%	35%
Delta Air	53%	53%
Detroit Edi	15%	15%
Digital Eq	189%	181%
Disney	75%	72%
Dow Chem	100%	96%
Dresser Ind	30%	29%
Dupont	116%	116
Duke Pwr	45%	45%
East Kodak	99%	98%
Eaton Cp	94	94%
Emerson El	118%	115%
Emery Air	10%	10%
Exxon	95%	96%
Farah Inc	13%	13%
Fedders	8%	8
Firestone	44%	44%
Fst Chicago	28%	28%
Fst Int Bncp	58	59%
Fst Penn C	10	10%
FT Wachva	38%	39
Ford Motor	103%	103
GAF Cp	67%	66%
GTE Cp	40%	41%
Gen Cp	105%	105
Gn Dynam	68	67
Gen Electric	60%	59%
Gen Inst	46%	44%
Gen Mills	55%	54%
Gen Motors	86	85%
Gen Pub Ut	28%	28%
Genesco	5%	5%
Georgia Pac	43%	43%
Gillette	43%	41
Goodrich	60%	59%
Goodyear	70%	68%
Gould Inc	22%	21%
Grace Co	66%	65%
Grt Atl Pac	39%	39%
Greyhnd	41%	40%
Grumman	26%	25%
Gulf & West	85%	84%
Heinz	49	49
Hercules	68	66%
Hewlett Pk	65%	64%
Honeywell	84%	83%
IC Ind	33%	33%
ITT Cp	62%	61%
INCO	21	20%
Ing Rand Wl	39%	38%
Inland Steel	30%	30%
IBM	157%	157%
Int Paper	49%	48%
Irving Bk	47%	46%
Jhsn & Jhsn	94%	94
K Mart	41%	41%
Kaiseralch	20	20%
Kerr McGee	43%	43%
Kmbrly Clrk	56%	53%
Kraft	57%	56
Kroger	33%	33%
LTV Cp	4%	4%
Litton	100	99%
Lockheed	55%	55
Lucky Str	32%	32%
Man H'nver	40%	40
Manville	3%	3%
Mapco	55	65%
Marine Mid	76%	77
Mt Marietta	52%	52%
Masco	35	34%
Mcdonalds	56%	55%
McDonnell	76%	76
Mead Cp	42%	41%
Merck	212%	212%
Minsta Mng	76%	75%
Mobil	48%	48%
Monsanto	90%	90
Morgan Jp	47	46%
Motorola	66%	64%
NCR	81%	80%
NL Indstrs	9%	10
Nat Distill	75%	72
Nat Med Ent	27%	27%
Nat Semi	17%	16%
Norfolk Sth	35	34%
NW Bancrp	46	46%
Occid Pet	35%	35%
Ogden Cp	40%	38%
Olin Cp	52%	50%
PPG Ind	44%	44
Pac Gas El	19%	19%
Pan Am	4%	4%
Penney JC	58%	58
Pennzoil	67%	67%
Pepsico	39%	37%
Pfizer	66%	58%
Phelps Dod	48%	48
Philip Mor	115	110%
Phillip Ptl	18%	18%
Polaroid	34%	34%
Prmerica	45	43%
Proct Gble	97%	95%
Pub Svc E	24%	24%
Raytheon	78%	77%
Rynlds Met	53%	49%
Rockwell Int	25%	26%
Royal Dutch	130%	128%
SFE Sopac	51%	50%
Sara Lee	43%	42%
Schlumb	45%	44%
Scott Pap	81	79%
Seagram	74	73%
Sears Roeb	52%	53%
Shell Trans	86%	86%
Singer	46%	45%
Smith Beck	58	57%
Sony Cp	34%	34%
Sth Cal Edi	31%	31%
SW Bell	38%	39%
Squibb	99%	96%
Sterl Drug	61%	61%
Stevens JP	41	41
Sun Comp	58%	58%
TRW Inc	61%	60
Teledyne	355%	353%
Tenneco	54%	52%
Texaco	40	38%
Tex Eastn	35%	35
Texas Inst	71%	68%
Tex Util	30%	30%
Textron	33%	33
Travelers	44%	44
USG	42%	43%
USX Cp	35%	34%
Unilever Plc	41%	41
Un Carbide	28%	27%
Un Pac Cp	75%	74%
Unisys Cp	43%	41%
Utd Brands	39%	38%
Utd Tech	55	54%
Unocal	36%	36%
Walter Jim	59%	59%
Warn Lamb	81%	78%
Wells Far	53%	53
Westg El	67%	66%
Weyrhser	50%	50%
Whirlpool	38	36%
Woolworth	49%	50%
Xerox Cp	76%	75%
Zenith	29%	28%

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	21%	37
Alcan Alum	44%	42%
Algoma Stl	20	29
Can Pacific	26%	26%
Cominco	21%	20%
Con Bathrst	19%	19%
Hawk S Can	19%	29%
Hud Bay M	25%	24
Imasco	34%	34%
Imperial Oil	71%	72%
Int Pipe	52%	52%
Royl Trstco	16%	16%
Seagram	97%	97%
Shelco 'A'	26%	26
Thmsn N 'A'	31%	31%
Varity Cp	3.20	3.20
WCT	17%	17%
Weston	41%	41%

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range September 11	Market rates close September 11	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6470-1.6580	1.6525-1.6535	0.31-0.28prem	1.03-0.98prem
Montreal	2.1716-2.1852	2.1749-2.1778	0.17-0.05prem	0.43-0.27prem
Ams'dam	3.3357-3.3522	3.3357-3.3426	1⅝-1½prem	4-3⅞prem
Brussels	*61.48-62.09*	*61.48-61.85*	*19-13prem*	*59-49prem*
C'phgen	11.4611-11.5245	11.4611-11.4796	½prem-⅛dis	1-2dis
Dublin	1.1117-1.1167	1.1123-1.1133	6prem-4dis	30prem-par
Frankfurt	2.9651-2.9780	2.9651-2.9702	1⅜-1¼prem	4½-4⅜prem
Lisbon	*234.04-236.43*	*234.54-235.50*	*71-125dis*	*240-330dis*
Madrid	198.64-200.21	198.64-199.09	126-144dis	235-288dis
Milan	2145.65-2159.85	2145.65-2150.25	7-9dis	16-20dis
Oslo	10.8867-10.9543	10.8867-10.9049	3½-4dis	9¾-10½dis
Paris	*9.9071-9.9852*	*9.9071-9.9296*	*1⅝-1½prem*	*4½-4prem*
St'khlm	10.4741-10.5150	10.4741-10.4887	⅝-⅜prem	1⅝-1⅜prem
Tokyo	234.70-235.67	235.28-235.67	1½-1prem	3½-3⅛prem
Vienna	20.82-20.90	20.82-20.85	9¾-8⅞prem	30-27⅞prem
Zurich	*2.4551-2.4829*	*2.4551-2.4599*	*1⅝-1⅜prem*	*4-3⅞prem*

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 73.1 (day's range 73.0-73.2).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	3.9725-3.9900
Australia dollar	2.2638-2.2668
Bahrain dinar	0.6230-0.6270
Brazil cruzado *	81 083-81 524
Cyprus pound	0.7770-0.7870
Finland marka	7.2075-7 2475
Greece drachma	225.75-227.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.9180-12.9300
India rupee	21 34-21 54
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4615-0.4655
Malaysia dollar	4.1515-4 1591
Mexico peso	2460.0-2510.0
New Zealand dollar	2.6411-2.6470
Saudi Arabia riyal	*6.1975-6.2375*
Singapore dollar	3.4527-3.4582
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4380-5.5340
S Africa rand (com)	3.3562-3.3651
U A E dirham	*6.0675-6.1075*

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1 4850-1 4900
Singapore	2.0850-2.0870
Malaysia	2.5070-2.5100
Australia	0.7310-0.7315
Canada	1 3165-1 3175
Sweden	6.3400-6 3500
Norway	6.5900-6.0000
Denmark	6.9300-6.9400
West Germany	1.7928-1.7935
Switzerland	1 4830-1 4840
Netherlands	2.0180-2 0190
France	5.9975-6.0025
Japan	141 78-141 68
Italy	*1299.0-1301 0*
Belgium(Comm)	37 20-37 35
Hong Kong	7.7950-7.7970
Portugal	141 60-142 10
Spain	*120 45-120.65*
Austria	12.62-12.64

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Sep 87	89.70	89.75	89.70	89.74	1150
Dec 87	89 47	89.50	89.40	89.48	2967
Mar 88	89.58	89 61	89.55	89.61	460
Jun 88	89.60	89.60	89.54	89.58	170
Sep 88	89.50	89.50	89.49	89.47	29
Dec 88	NT	—	—	89.43	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	89.41	0
Jun 89	NT	—	—	89.40	0

Previous day's total open interest 17975

Three Month Eurodollar					
Sep 87	92.54	92.54	92.38	92.42	2252
Dec 87	91.66	91.75	91 46	91.59	7203
Mar 88	91.24	91.28	90.97	91.18	834
Jun 88	90.95	90.98	90.83	90.89	311
Sep 88	*90.69*	*90.69*	*90.69*	90.58	28
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.52	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.37	0

Previous day's total open interest 36806

US Treasury Bond					
Sep 87	84-00	84-01	83-11	83-30	40
Dec 87	*83-05*	*83-30*	*81-00*	83-03	*13850*
Mar 88	NT	—	—	82-07	0

Previous day's total open interest 6125

Long Gilt					
Sep 87	114-14	114-14	114-00	114-07	882
Dec 87	114-16	114-19	113-30	114-08	19807
Mar 88	*NT*	—	—	*114-11*	*0*
Jun 88	NT	—	—	—	

Previous day's total open interest 31629

FT-SE 100					
Sep 87	226.70	226.70	224.60	225.80	1276
Dec 87	231.30	231.30	229.50	230.20	136

Previous day's total open interest 7302

Japanese Government Bond					
Dec 87	99.85	100.50	99.85	100.30	736
Mar 88	99.42	99.57	99.42	99.70	8

Previous day's total open interest 745

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	1.165	Cadbury	2,132	L&G	1,507	Sainsbury	545
Alld-Lyons	1,226	Coats	803	Lloyds	1,286	Scot & N	1,037
Amstrad	3,636	CU	2,485	Lonrho	1,585	Sears	5,468
ASDA	1,366	Cons Gold	1,611	Lucas	547	Sedgwick	*1,818*
AB Foods	565	Cookson	261	M&S	4,838	Shell	3,070
Argyll	446	Courtaulds	429	MEPC	1,005	Smith & N	2,685
BAA	3,236	Dalgety	2,048	Metal Box	254	STC	4,538
BET	421	Dee	6,085	*Midland*	7,863	Stan Chart	381
BTR	2,651	Dixons	786	NatWest	981	Storehouse	15,421
BAT	3,263	ECC	1,356	Next	821	Sun Allnce	135
Barclays	1,040	*Fisons*	1,246	P&O	706	Tarmac	3,365
Bass	589	Gen Acc	179	Pearl	1,592	TSB	9,600
Beecham	3,105	GEC	7,408	Pearson	218	Tesco	839
BICC	1,127	Glaxo	1,648	Pilkington	3,525	Thorn EMI	1,354
Blue Circle	864	*Globe*	47	*Plessey*	14,266	*Trafalgar*	3,705
BOC	470	Granada	820	Prudential	126	THF	1,815
Boots	2,055	Grand Met	3,100	Racal	1,387	T & N	881
BPB	3,566	GUS 'A'	521	Rk Hovis	536	Ultramar	4,020
Br Aero	536	GRE	32	Rank	482	Unigate	2,955
Br Airways	5,213	GKN	1,289	R&C	41	Unilever	2,256
Br Comm	223	Guinness	4,645	Redland	4,147	United Bis	1,740
Br Gas	5,507	*Hanson 'A'*	788	Reed	2,200	United News	371
Br Petrol	6,393	Hanson	6,852	Reuters	394	Wellcome	4,222
BPCC	3,626	Hawker	63	RMC Gp	150	Whitbrd	1,389
Br Telecm	14,593	Hillsdown	1,012	RTZ	1,209	Willis Fab	705
Britoil	*2,687*	*ICI*	799	*R-Royce*	*20,000*	*Woolworth*	*2,112*
Bunzl	756	Jaguar	1,198	Rowntree	1,179		
Burmah	2,096	Lasmo	659	Royal Bank	427		
Burton	3,008	Ladbroke	1,206	Royal Ins	3,209	**Equities' listings on page 29**	
C&W	17,690	Land Sec	2,454	Saatchi	559		

MONEY & GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 10
Finance House 9½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 8½ Low 7
Week fixed: 9½

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 mnth 9²³⁄₃₂	2 mnth 9²¹⁄₃₂
3 mnth 9¾	3 mnth 9¹³⁄₁₆

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth 9⁹⁄₁₆-9⁷⁄₁₆	2 mnth 9¾-9¹¹⁄₁₆
3 mnth 9²⁷⁄₃₂-9²⁵⁄₃₂	6 mnth 9³¹⁄₃₂-9²⁹⁄₃₂

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth 10³⁄₁₆	2 mnth 10¼
3 mnth 10¹⁵⁄₃₂	6 mnth 10¹⁹⁄₃₂

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 9½ close 6½

1 week 9¾-9½	6 mnth 10¼-10%
1 mnth 9¾-9⅝	9 mnth 10⁹⁄₁₆-10½
3 mnth 10³⁄₁₆-10¹⁄₁₆	12 mth 10¾-10%

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days 9½	7 days 9¾
1 mnth 9¾	3 mnth 10¹⁄₁₆
6 mnth 10%	12 mth 10%

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 mnth 10-9¾	2 mnth 10%-9%
3 mnth 10³⁄₁₆-10¹⁄₁₆	6 mnth 10%-10%
9 mnth 10%-10%	12 mth 10¹¹⁄₁₆-10⁷⁄₁₆

Sterling CDs (%)

1 mnth 9¹¹⁄₁₆-9⁹⁄₁₆	3 mnth 10%-10
6 mnth 10⁷⁄₁₆-10⁵⁄₁₆	12 mth 10%-10%

Dollar CDs (%)

1 mnth 7 40-7 35	3 mnth 7.60-7.55
6 mnth 8.00-7.95	12 mth 8.50-8.45

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call 7%-6%
7 days 7%-6%	1 mnth 7⁷⁄₁₆-7⁵⁄₁₆
3 mnth 7%-7½	6 mnth 8¹⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆
Deutschemark	call 4-3
7 days 3¹⁵⁄₁₆-3¹³⁄₁₆	1 mnth 4¹⁄₁₆-3¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 mnth 4¹⁄₁₆-3¹⁵⁄₁₆	6 mnth 4%-4%
French Franc	call 7½-6½
7 days 7½-7%	*1 mnth* 7%-7%
3 mnth 8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	6 mnth 8%-8%
Swiss Franc	call 1½-½
7 days 1½-1%	1 mnth 3%-3%
3 mnth 3%-3%	*6 mnth* 4³⁄₁₆-4¹⁄₁₆
Yen	call 3%-2%
7 days 3%-3½	1 mnth 4%-4
3 mnth 4%-4%	6 mnth 4⁷⁄₁₆-4⁵⁄₁₆

BULLION

Gold:$458.75-459.25
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 457.00-460.00 (£276.00-278.00)
Mapleleaf (per 1 ounce coin):
$ 472.00-477.00 (£285.00-288.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 107.75-108.75 (£65.00-65.75)
Platinum
$ 591.00 (£356.90)
Silver
$ 7.8650-7.8850 (£4.7800-4.7950)

TREASURY BILLS

Applcts: £1,099m	allotted: £200m
Bids: £97.57%	received: 83%
Last week: £97.55%	received: 19%
Avge rate: £9.7348%	last wk £9.7614%
Next week: £200m	replace £400m

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 28, 1987. Agreed rates for period September 23, 1987 to October 25, 1987. Scheme I: 11.24 per cent. Schemes II & III: 11.31 per cent. Reference rate for period August 1, 1987 to August 28, 1987. Scheme IV: 10.037 per cent.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Adscene Gp (110p)	96 -6
BAA (245p) (aa)	132 -3
Britannia Gp	168 -1
Babygro	158 +2
Caradon (250p)	335 +2
Cauldon	34½ +1½
Cook (DC) (92p)	200 +5
Corporate Prop	83 +2
Debenham Tewson	228 +2
Derwent Valley	710
Econ Forestry	116 +1
Glamar Gp	240
Guidehouse	100 +8
Harland Simon	193
Kentish Prop (185p)	248 -3
Kingsgrange (140p)	199 +2
Kingston Oil (100p)	120 +2
Knobs Knockers	148
Lancaster (165p)	205 +4
March Group	156 +1
Pickwick	222 -2
Rolls-Royce (170p)	*200 +5*
Ross Consumer (165p)	223
Rural Plan	93
Shelton (Martin) (63p)	77 +1
UPL Gp	160 +5
USDC Inv	188
Zetters Leis	161 -2

RIGHTS ISSUES

AAF Inv N/P	53 +23
BOM N/P	12
Blue Arrow N/P	1
Brookmount N/P	93
Dewey Warren N/P	39
Downbrae N/P	81 -2
Excalibur N/P	21 +1
Helene of Lon N/P	23
Nat Aus Bk N/P	68 -1
Robertson Res N/P	15 -1

(Issue price in *brackets*).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 1	September 18	December 3	December 14

Call options were taken out on: 11/9/87 Endeavour, Stormgard, Rank Org., Wheway, Rowntree, BOM Holdings, Benjamin Priest, Inoco, Tusker Resources, Moorgate Mercantile, Metal Box, Brent Walker, Control Securities, Associated British Eng., Astra Holdings, Alpine Soft Drinks, Turner & Newall, Abaco Inv., Elswick, Blacks Leisure, New England Properties, Ealing Electro, Amber Day, Rolls-Royce.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Allied Lyons (*415)	390	35	45	58	7	15	16
	420	17	30	40	18	28	32
	460	4	16	25	50	55	58
British Airways (*191)	*180*	18	29	40	5	12	15
	190	12	—	—	10	—	—
	200	6	18	25	17	24	27
British Comm (*483)	460	43	58	73	10	22	25
	500	20	37	52	28	40	45
	550	5	17	30	70	75	75
British Gas (*170)	165	11	21	—	5	9	—
	180	4	11	18	13	16	19
	200	1	6	12	31	33	34
BP (*362)	330	41	57	66	5	11	16
	360	18	34	47	15	21	28
	390	7	21	32	33	40	46
Britoil (*318)	300	31	44	54	8	13	20
	330	12	26	36	20	24	29
	360	5	15	27	43	46	51
Cons Gold (*1495)	1350	180	245	275	30	63	85
	1400	145	220	250	45	85	110
	1450	*110*	*195*	*225*	*70*	*110*	*135*
Courtaulds (*487)	420	76	90	—	2	8	—
	460	44	62	78	10	18	24
	500	19	38	56	26	34	40
	550	6	22	36	66	70	72
Com Union (*365)	330	43	57	64	3	8	14
	360	18	38	44	9	18	23
	390	8	19	28	29	34	38
Cable & Wire (*455)	360	101	115	130	½	4	8
	390	72	90	105	2	10	15
	420	52	70	84	4½	18	25
	460	22	42	64	22	30	43
GEC (*209)	200	17	27	35	5	10	12
	220	6	17	24	14	20	24
	240	2	6	17	31	35	40
Grand Met (*536)	460	82	98	—	1	4	—
	500	47	65	75	7	13	20
	550	17	35	47	25	35	43
	600	4	18	27	67	70	75
ICI (*1520)	1400	143	187	—	6	20	—
	1450	100	150	172	14	34	52
	1500	*65*	*118*	*140*	*30*	*50*	*70*
	1550	40	90	112	55	72	92
Land Securities (*572)	500	77	90	107	2	10	13
	550	40	57	73	15	23	32
	600	13	33	45	37	50	58
Marks & Spen (*226)	220	17	25	31	6	12	13
	240	7	14	22	18	23	25
	260	3	8	14	36	37	39
Rolls Royce (*106)	100	14	19	24	4½	8	9
	110	7	14	19	9	11	16
	120	4	10	15	17	20	23
	130	2	6½	—	24	26	—
Shell Trans (*1357)	1350	52	100	135	48	75	107
	1400	28	80	108	80	102	128
	1450	18	63	*90*	*118*	135	*165*
Trafalgar House (*369)	330	43	55	—	2	6	—
	360	20	33	45	9	18	20
	390	7	18	28	28	37	40
TSB (*145)	130	17½	24	26	1½	3	4½
	140	9½	16	20	3½	6	7
	150	4	11	14	9	11	13
Woolworth (*351)	325	40	—	—	4	—	—
	330	—	50	65	—	13	18
	350	25	—	—	15	—	—
	375	15	32	—	32	45	—
	Series	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**	**Oct**	**Jan**	**Apr**
Bass (*969)	850	135	152	—	4	13	—
	900	90	113	138	10	23	30
	950	55	78	103	23	33	48
GKN (*378)	330	53	66	78	2	10	14
	360	26	48	57	6	18	25
	390	15	32	39	21	32	39
	420	5	20	29	43	47	58
Jaguar (*546)	500	56	82	97	4	17	25
	550	22	55	68	22	36	45
	600	4	32	45	57	65	72
	Series	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Amstrad (*167)	140	28	39	47	1	9	12
	160	12	27	37	4	16	20
	180	2	16	28	17	25	30
Beecham (*541)	460	85	95	—	1	5	—
	500	45	63	78	1	13	18
	550	6	30	45	18	33	40
	600	1	14	28	62	63	75
Boots (*301)	280	24	34	48	1	7	11
	300	10	22	33	8	14	21
	330	1	11	18	31	36	47
BTR (*349)	300	45	55	65	1½	4½	8
	330	16	32	45	3	13	17
	360	4	17	29	22	27	33
Blue Circle (*451)	425	30	50	—	2	12	—
	450	12	37	—	17	27	—
	475	4	25	—	35	45	—
De Beers (*1580)	1100	480	505	—	—	10	—
	1200	390	405	—	5	40	—
	1300	290	315	—	10	—	—
	1400	196	240	—	—	—	—
Dixons (*360)	321	42	—	—	1	—	—

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Dixons cont	330	—	48	60	—	8	11
	360	—	28	39	—	22	24
Glaxo (*1694)	1650	57	125	180	20	67	85
	1700	27	95	150	45	90	107
	1750	13	75	130	78	120	135
	1800	5	58	105	125	150	160
Hanson (*183)	160	—	30	31½	—	2	3½
	165	19	—	—	½	—	—
	180	6	14½	18½	2	7	10
	200	½	5½	9½	18	19	22
Sears (*168)	140	29	33	36	1	2	4
	160	11	18	23	1	9	9
	180	1	8	15	15	17	20
Tesco (*183)	*157*	*18*	24	—	1	4	—
	183	7	18	25	7	13	16
	200	1	9	18	20	26	32
Thorn EMI (*653)	650	17	50	70	12	32	40
	700	2	22	47	52	64	72
	750	1	12	25	102	107	105
	800	1	6	15	152	152	152
THF (*251)	*240*	13	24	28	2	8	13
	260	3	14	18	13	18	25
	280	½	7	13	32	33	37
	Series	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAA (*132)	130	12	17	21	7	13	15
	140	7	12	17	14	19	21
	160	2	6	—	29	32	—
Brit Aero (*494)	460	47	70	82	15	25	33
	500	27	50	62	35	43	52
	550	12	30	45	70	77	82
BAT Inds (*657)	550	112	128	—	2	5	—
	600	66	90	100	10	15	23
	650	37	58	70	30	37	45
	700	16	37	48	60	65	72
Brit Telecom (*250)	240	29	—	—	4	—	—
	260	16	27	36	11	20	22
	280	8	18	27	27	32	38
Cadbury Schwpps (*271)	240	36	45	52	3	7	9
	260	20	33	37	9	14	17
	280	10	21	27	19	22	28
Guinness (*364)	330	45	52	60	7	13	13
	360	23	33	43	15	25	35
	390	11	22	30	22	30	42
Ladbroke (*450)	403	50	—	—	6	—	—
	443	24	—	—	20	—	—
	460	16	30	40	33	35	42
LASMO (*375)	300	80	93	103	2	8	13
	330	56	72	84	9	15	20
	360	36	51	65	18	20	28
Plessey (*195)	180	22	32	40	5	9	15
	200	12	20	29	14	19	25
	220	4	11	—	29	33	—
P & O (*680)	638	52	78	—	12	17	—
	688	26	50	—	33	40	—
	750	8	25	—	80	83	—
Prudential (*993)	950	75	105	122	17	32	45
	1000	47	80	95	45	62	77
	1050	27	60	75	90	97	102
Racal (*295)	280	29	44	56	9	17	22
	300	19	34	45	17	28	33
	330	8	22	33	38	44	50
RTZ (*1295)	1200	140	200	235	20	55	85
	1250	115	175	210	44	80	115
	1300	93	160	195	70	110	150
	1350	70	140	—	110	140	—
Vaal Reef (*139)	130	18	22	27	5½	9½	12½
	140	13	17½	21½	9	13	16½
	150	8	13	17	14	18	20½
	Series	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Barclays (*573)	500	95	110	130	8	12	17
	550	55	75	90	18	27	37
	600	25	45	*57*	42	*50*	57
Midland Bank (*490)	448	62	82	—	8	16	—
	485	35	60	—	20	35	—
	522	18	—	—	45	—	—
	Series	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Lonrho (*306)	255	52	69	—	1	3	—
	273	33	43	—	1	5	—
	300	9	28	38	6	13	21
	330	1	15	20	28	32	37
	Series	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£104)	102	1%	1%	—	[illegible]	[illegible]	—
	104	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	1[illegible]	1%	—
	106	[illegible]	[illegible]	—	2%	3%	—
	108	[illegible]	%	—	4[illegible]	[illegible]	—
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (£112)	110	3%	4%	[illegible]	1%	2%	3%
	112	2%	3%	[illegible]	2%	3[illegible]	4%
	114	1%	2%	[illegible]	3%	4½	5%
	116	[illegible]	1%	—	[illegible]	5%	—
	118	[illegible]	1[illegible]	—	6%	7%	—

		Calls Sep	Calls Oct	Calls Nov	Calls Dec	Puts Sep	Puts Oct	Puts Nov	Puts Dec
FT-SE Index (*2250)	2150	117	142	162	—	6	20	30	—
	2200	77	105	127	153	16	35	47	60
	2250	45	75	98	124	37	52	65	82
	2300	25	52	73	97	67	85	97	105
	2350	9	33	58	—	107	117	128	—
	2400	3½	20	37	—	152	158	172	—
	2450	1½	12	—	—	202	205	—	—
	2500	½	6	—	—	252	255	—	—

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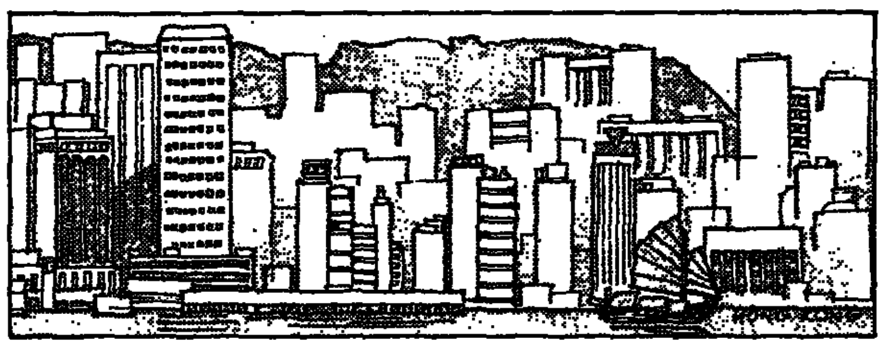
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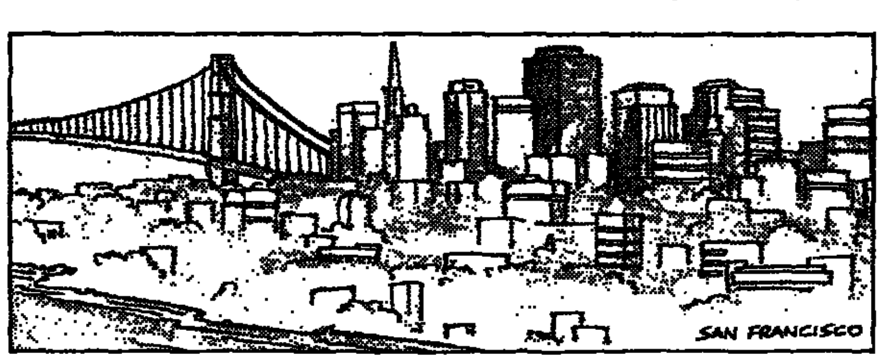

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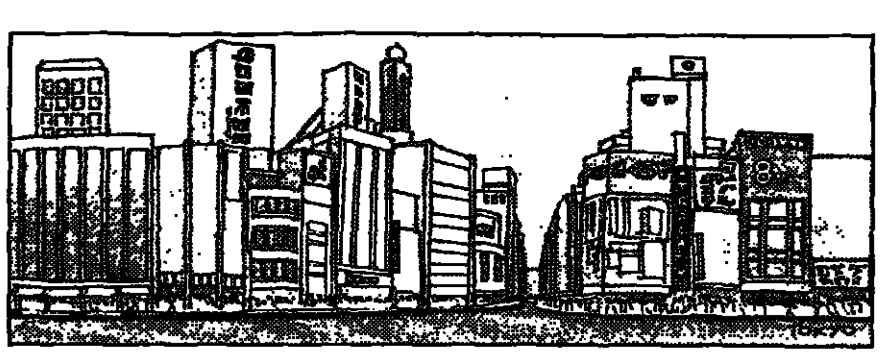
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Britannia Security moves into US with $34.6m deal

By Alison Eadie

Britannia Security Group, the rapidly expanding alarms to electronics company, is making its first American acquisition.

It is buying Leahy Business Archives, a leading records management business based in New York, for a maximum $34.6 million (£21 million).

Payment is spread over six years, the first tranche of $21.7 million being raised by a 6.1 million share issue to the vendor. The balance of cash of $1.5 million after two years and $9.1 million after five years will be topped up by $2.3 million depending on profits. It will be payable if profits to June 1993 rise by an annual compound 34 per cent.

A vendor placing of 5.6 million shares at 217p has a 100 per cent clawback facility for existing shareholders. The placing was 2.5 times oversubscribed yesterday.

Leahy manages the records of banks and other institutions that do not wish to store their own documents. It has 22 facilities maintaining more than 6 billion documents for 1,200 clients. The largest customer accounts for only 2 per cent of Leahy's turnover.

Mr Anthony Record, chairman of Britannia, said Britannia would continue to look for records management businesses in the US, particularly on the west coast. Leahy's business is concentrated on the east coast.

In the year to October 31, 1987 Leahy has forecast pretax profits of $2.3 million, against $2 million last year, on turnover of $13.9 million against $12.5 million.

Britannia went into the records management business in February last year with the acquisition of Tele-Link Archives, based in London and south-east England. It has since extended its operations with three further acquisitions.

Britannia believes the records management business has strong growth prospects.

PSO changes to office services

By Lawrence Lever

The expected move to transform Pacific Sales Organisation, the leather goods company, materialized yesterday. It is buying two office service companies for a maximum of £15.4 million.

PSO shares, quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, were suspended at 400p immediately before yesterday's announcement.

The share price was 60p in March when a consortium – comprising Mr Peter James, Mr David Ellingham, Mr Peter Knapton, a director of Guinness Mahon Investment Management, and Mr Tony Berry, chairman of Blue Arrow – bought 24.4 per cent of the company. Mr James and Mr Ellingham had previously developed Wolverhampton Steam Laundry, a well known stock market shell company, into WSL Holdings, a specialist holiday company, and sold it to Granada for £45 million.

PSO is paying a maximum of £12.5 million, of which £5.6 million is profit-related, for the Ultimate Group, which is warranting annual pretax profits of £600.00. The deal will be financed by issuing 2.25 million new PSO shares to the vendors, of which 482,316 will be placed to realize £1.5 million.

OSL Group is being bought for £2.4 million and £500,000 of its debt is being taken on by PSO. OSL is warranting profits of at least £340,000. The deal will be financed via the issue of 373,333 new PSO shares plus £1.3 million cash.

PSO is funding the cash element and raising additional capital via a deep-discounted eight-for-three rights issue at 200p which will raise a maximum of £3.75 million.

The company also announced full-year results yesterday which showed profits before tax had plummeted to £40,000 from £352,000. PSO is passing its final dividend.

Tony Berry: significant stake in Pacific Sales Organisation

Laird's £14.7m interim profits

By Our City Staff

Laird Group, the diversified engineering company, made pretax profits in the half year to end-June of £14.7 million, a rise of 9.3 per cent.

Operating profits were 28 per cent higher at £16.5 million, but an interest charge of £1.85 million against interest received of £527,000 reduced the pretax figure. The interest charge arose from borrowings at the end of 1986 to finance acquisitions and as working capital for new orders for trains won by Metro-Cammell.

The brightest spot was again the sealing systems division, which recorded operating profits 40.5 per cent higher at £13.2 million.

Acquisitions boosted the sealing division's profits by £1.3 million.

Service industries' operating profits rose to £3.5 million from £1.4 million after a £1.1 million contribution from Etta, the specialist packaging company bought at the end of last year. Plastics distribution in the US also increased profits.

Problems in the *Cable Belt* subsidiary persisted and accounted for almost all the division's operating profits slump to £236,000 from £1.4 million.

The transport division's operating profits plunged to £106,000 from £736,000.

The interim dividend was raised to 3.1p from 2.9p.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Cartier's sweet scent of sparkling success

What leaves a voluptuous, heavily-perfumed wake, like an emerald-eyed panther whose irresistible power has but one end – to captivate? The answer, I am led to believe, is the new Panthere de Cartier scent and although I have never personally caught a whiff of genuine panther, I am ready to accept the copywriter's word. On the grounds that Cartier, in which Rothmans has a benign 47 per cent interest, has developed a business and a sureness of touch that puts it at the head of its field as the creator, manufacturer and distributor of a co-ordinated range of luxury goods. The trade in fake Cartier watches alone is evidence of the strength of the brand.

Cartier remains the world's leading jewellery-clock and watch maker. It also remains one of the world's most reticent companies. It is not against providing information – on the contrary, it owes its success in part to public relations and patronage (polo at Windsor, a Foundation for Contemporary Art in France, and next year the Cartier Million at Phoenix Park, Dublin). Information simply stops short of financial data. But sparse though this is, it does make the image sparkle.

In 1986, Cartier had a net turnover of $500 million (£303 million), which was *the residual of a retail turnover in* Cartier products of $1.5 billion. Unlike other branded luxury businesses, Cartier sales are heavily concentrated in Europe (50 per cent) and the United States (22 per cent), with only 20 per cent in Asia and the Middle East. This year Cartier sales (net) are expected to increase to between $650 million and $700 million. The beauty of these figures is that they yield a profit that puts Cartier, measured by profit as a ratio to sales, among the most profitable companies in the world.

It was not always so. Much of the credit for transforming Cartier from a family name of fading lustre is due to Alain Perrin, the youthful (45 in October), bearded president of Cartier International. A student of politics and economics, both invaluable disciplines in a French company with inherited family characteristics, he joined Cartier in 1969, when, incidentally, turnover was less than $9 million. He became head of Les Musts de Cartier in 1978 and of Cartier International in 1981 – the year in which Cartier launched its first fragrances (Must and Santos).

M Perrin has found to his delight that the luxury business is becoming a money-making machine and as such, it lures money like a magnet from bankers. Money can be made from an idea, a "flash". If you believe in it, you can create business out of it. He sees parallels in show-business: you can make huge dollars in the short term; you come out, and you go back in. His next big move could be into mail order, by acquiring a business in the US to learn ways of marketing direct to the rich and super-rich, who, like kings and princes in Cartier's opulent past, do not, or perhaps cannot, go out to shop.

Meanwhile the perfumed air is sweet. Last year Cartier's turnover in fragrances had already risen to $38 million, 8 per cent to 9 per cent of total sales, and Cartier's most profitable activity. This year it should exceed $60 million, such is the panther's powerful, and costly, scent.

America's trade missile

The US trade figures have been heading for the markets, like a deadly guided missile, for a fortnight. Everyone knew they were going to be bad, and not least Alan Greenspan at the Federal Reserve Board who took the precaution of raising the US discount rate from 5.5 per cent to 6 per cent.

The damage turns out to be a $16.47 billion merchandise trade deficit for July, after the shock $15.7 billion splash of red ink in June.

The figures are bad. The US trade deficit is not coming around, and only because the deficit did not match up to some of the wild $20 billion predictions did Wall Street stay calm.

The performance of the US equity market, with the Dow Jones industrial average skating up through the 2,600-level within a couple of hours of the release of the trade data, was either a testimony to the market's resilience in the *face of adversity, or the final proof that* the lunatics have taken over the asylum.

For the fact is that, in spite of the dollar's fall since the Plaza agreement two years ago, the US export performance is only just better than average, and the continued strong growth in imports is distressing. The unholy trinity of protectionism, pressure on the dollar and higher US interest rates looms large.

The timing of the July trade figures, just as Congress is ready to get back into its protectionist stride, could hardly be worse. The half-point discount rate rise, in the face of a fundamental problem of this size, looks like a feeble gesture. Only discreet support for the dollar by the leading central banks prevented disaster yesterday.

The EEC finance ministers, meeting in Denmark today, will duly reaffirm their commitment to the dollar's stability in line with the February Louvre accord. And, such are the risks of dollar collapse, that the leading countries meeting at the IMF in Washington at the end of the month cannot afford to indicate that they are willing to tolerate even a limited dollar decline.

But something has to give. And, with interest rates worldwide tending higher, one suspects that it is in bond markets that much of the pain will be felt.

Oil sector 'to bring thousands of jobs'

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The offshore oil industry is waiting for inquiries made at this year's Offshore Europe 87 exhibition in Aberdeen to be translated into firm orders.

Early indications are that the renewal of activity in the industry will bring thousands of new jobs.

The industry has calculated that equipment for the Shell/Esso Kittiwake project, announced this week, will create 2,500 jobs. Another nine projects are due for approval by the end of the year and the number of jobs created, most of them in areas of high unemployment, could more than treble.

Mr David Stot, the exhibition organizer, said yesterday that an estimated 30,000 have visited the exhibition.

He said: "We are not in the numbers game but we have concentrated in getting the right quality of visitors and exhibitors. It seems that the exhibition will prove to have been as successful, but the contacts made and inquiries instituted will bear fruit over a lengthy period."

The Scottish Development Agency has used the exhibition to produce its latest detailed directory of Scottish companies who can now serve the world offshore industry.

Mr Iain Robertson, chief executive of the SDA, said: "Across the industry costs must be justified far more rigorously than ever before and it is essential that technology is applied to develop cost-reducing products and servicing."

Tod buys two firms for £7.6m

By Our City Staff

Tod, the USM-quoted holding company, yesterday announced the purchase of two private companies from Unigate for £7.6 million, a £7.2 million rights issue and an increase in pretax profits for the year to June 30 from £1.3 to a record £2.1 million.

The company, which is 69 per cent owned by CH Beazer, also revealed that it had made asset write-downs of £900,000 after its acquisition last July of Straeker Construction.

Beazer is taking up its full rights entitlement in the five-for-14 rights issue. The company is paying a final dividend of 2.3p, making 3.8p (3.3p) for the year. Tod is buying Giltspur Technologies and Wincanton Engineering.

JFB spends £14m on Woodhouse

By Michael Tate

The specialist engineer Johnson & Firth Brown is making an agreed £14.6 million offer for its Sheffield neighbour Woodhouse & Rixson. Both companies believe that together they can increase their share of existing markets – including aerospace products – target new areas and win some economies of scale.

Terms of the merger – eight JFB shares for every three Woodhouse – value each Woodhouse share at about 122p. Alternatively, holders can take 109.33p a share in cash.

The offer, which will involve a 23.1 per cent increase in JFB's share capital, is being accepted by the Woodhouse board, which owns 2.1 per cent of the shares, and its two largest shareholders – M&G, with 13.3 per cent, and Throgmorton Trust, with 9.3 per cent.

JFB is forecasting profits of not less than £5.5 million for the year to September 30, and expects to pay a final dividend of 1p a share, making 1.5p for the year.

Farm oil survey

Our report on August 20 wrongly stated that geologists from Marischal College, Aberdeen, had carried out a survey on the farm of Dr Edgar Borrow of Padnell and Hazleton Farms Oil Production Ltd, and found evidence of oil-bearing strata. An analysis of slurry by the college had concluded that "the overall bitumen content is minute and not suggestive of a significant oil show."

TEMPUS

Confident Enterprise heralds brighter outlook for industry

The market had almost forgotten what a positive statement from an oil company looked like but yesterday's pronouncement from Enterprise Oil gladdened many a City heart.

Not only were net earnings nearly doubled at £24.4 million but the dividend was increased by 14 per cent and looks set to continue to grow at an above average rate.

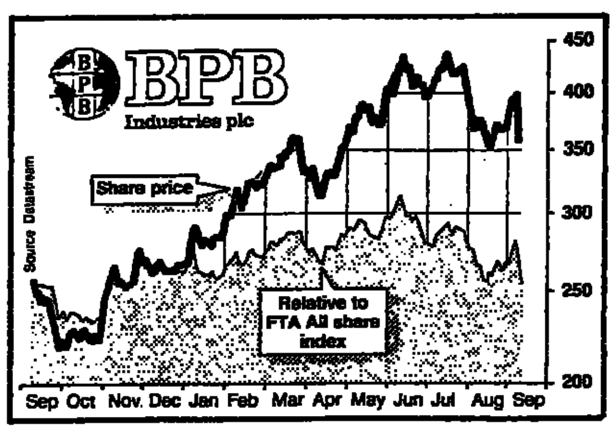
Admittedly production volumes were boosted by 42 per cent to 10.1 million barrels, reflecting the full contribution of ICI's oil and gas interests, but underlying profitability still improved on an oil price averaging £11 a barrel in both half years.

Enterprise continued to build up its net cash position and at the end of the half year had accumulated £144 million. Although there will be demands on this pile in the second half, the healthy balance sheet should be preserved. Positive and negative exceptional factors affecting the half-year figures, balanced each other out.

Exploration activity is much less depressed, reflecting the brighter outlook for the industry. Enterprise completed six exploration and appraisal wells in the first half and has 15 more completed or being worked. This programme has yielded some encouraging results while the overseas exploration programme is also making good progress.

Looking further ahead, the increase in Enterprise's daily production rate from 57,000 barrels a day now to 95,000 barrels by the mid-1990s is well documented. There has been concern that the build-up to these projects would result in a meagre earnings stream during the next few years with a consequential effect on the dividend.

However, yesterday's confident statement dispelled many of these worries, leaving Enterprise the pick of the independent sector.



BPB Inds

There is a story going around the City that a few years ago, a chairman of BPB Industries, now retired, sat at a table with a handful of institutional investors and confided that selling plasterboard in Britain was like taking sweets from children.

It is for just this reason that Redland and CSR, its joint-venture partner, decided the stakes were too high to allow BPB, the sole domestic manufacturer, to line its pockets indefinitely in this £250 million market.

The plasterboard market is among the fastest growing in the industry, reflecting product development and increased penetration into the less cyclical repair and maintenance markets. Since 1975, domestic deliveries have risen 31 per cent and strong growth throughout Europe is expected to continue well into the 1990s.

This gives the newcomers some flexibility, but canny builders' merchants are unlikely to transfer favours for nothing. Yet neither Redland nor BPB want a price war.

Imports will be used to whet customers' appetites until 1990, when the two plants should be operational. Raw materials will be imported.

Costs are forecast to match industry averages although there are rumours that CSR's Australian production rate is less than half that of BPB's.

Redland Plasterboard aims to be in profit by 1990-91 and eventually make a 20 per cent return on its £100 million investment.

Even the sceptics find it hard to ignore Redland's standing in the building materials market, but the suspected lack of depth of CSR's technical expertise is a cause for serious concern.

About 80 per cent of BPB's building materials' profits in 1986-87, or £44 million, was earned from plasterboard, accounting for 46 per cent of group trading profits. BPB controlled 97 per cent of a 136,000 square metre market that year. By 1990, the cake should be worth £75 million.

Redland may not have chosen the most established partner in CSR but the challenge should not be dismissed. BPB must have a tremendous feeling of *déjà vu* as it lost nearly half of the French market to Lafarge in the 1960s.

If the joint venture succeeds and takes 30 per cent of the market, the experience gained will be put to good use.

If it does not, there will be tremendous loss of face at Redland.

For BPB, rising demand will ease the pressure and it too can focus its attention elsewhere overseas. It may prove a tougher fight than appearances suggest.

Both shares will be overshadowed by this development in the short term and to some extent will continue to be so as details of the project unfold.

There will be less opportunity for BPB, on the defensive, to think of positive things to say about its prospects, but the modest rating of the shares will do much to protect the downside.

Delta Group

Delta Group's interim pretax profits of £30.3 million were in line with market expectations but the shares still fell 16p to 288p.

The main reason seemed to be the higher-than-expected tax charge at 39 per cent, when a more standard 35 per cent had been forecast. If the higher charge persists at the year-end, earnings will be lower than expectations.

Tax charges aside, the trading picture is moving ahead well. Delta may not have won the George H Scholes bid, but it is having success with other acquisitions. It made six purchases in the first half, including the European business of Nibco, an American company.

Nibco positions Delta as the largest plumbing fittings operation in Europe. The acquisition for £20 million, including acquired debt, was, in fact, larger than the Scholes business.

Delta's three core businesses of electrical equipment, engineering and industrial services moved ahead. The company is shedding its old metal-bashing image with more than half the profits now coming from electrical equipment.

The company is generating cash and has been virtually ungeared since the last year-end. It earned interest of £470,000, against paying interest of £500,000 in the previous first half.

Full-year profits are on course for £64 million, giving a modest prospective p/e ratio of just under 11.

Growth, organically and by acquisition, is expected to continue.

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In November 1982 you accepted a free trial subscription to STOCKMARKET CONFIDENTIAL. After monitoring the success of our tips for the first four weeks you were then confident enough to take the plunge. You invested £500 in a penny share, Samson, tipped in our issue of December 22. A few weeks later the shares had gone up from 12p to 52p and we advised you to sell. You found yourself with a tidy sum of £2,068.

Being prudent you waited a month or so before having a second go. You then followed another of our penny share tips, Dollonds Photographic, and invested the whole of the £2,068. Ten weeks later the shares had gone from 78p to 155p. You sold on our advice, and your original £500 had risen to £3,924.

Faithfully following our buy/sell recommendations you then saw your capital quickly multiply:

Share Bought:	Date Bought	Date Sold	Bought at	Sold at	Capital* after sale
Twinlock	3/8/83	5/10/83	41p	71p	£5,490
Hampton Trust	16/11/83	10/10/84	26p	35p	£8,343
Samuelson Group	14/11/84	23/1/85	450p	755p	£13,367

*An allowance of 4½% has been made for dealing costs.

After this major success you decided not to put all your eggs in one basket. So you spent £12,607 buying Lanca at 17½p, keeping back £760 to take a small plunge with WSL (another profitable prospect), buying 2000 shares at 38p. But whoops! Seeing the share drop to 37p after a month a feeling of panic made you sell — losing you £54. If you had waited a few more weeks you would have taken a profit of £290. Then on July 10, you decided to sell Lanca at 40p, yielding you £27,519, and you resolved to go back in at the earliest opportunity.

WHY YOU CAN ACT WITH SUCH CONFIDENCE

Following our tip on July 17 1985 you invested the entire proceeds from the sale of Lanca and WSL — £28,225, in Greene King & Sons. Eight weeks later, when we told you to sell, the share had risen from 162p to 216p and you found yourself sitting on a small fortune of £35,938. Over the next 19 months your record looked like this:

Share Bought	Date Bought	Date Sold	Bought at	Sold at	Capital* after sale
Owen Owen	4/9/85	6/11/85	400p	538p	£46,158
Southend Stadium	13/11/85	11/12/85	77p	94p	£53,812
Connells Est Agts	11/12/85	19/2/86	167p	217p	£66,775
WPP Group	26/2/86	19/3/86	388p	478p	£78,561
Stat Plus Group	2/4/86	18/9/86	270p	340p	£94,474
Lee Cooper	1/10/86	7/1/87	238p	388p	£120,818
Nottingham Brick	7/1/87	11/2/87	307p	385p	£144,695
Wickes	11/2/87	25/3/87	249p	345p	£198,637

*An allowance of 4½% has been made for dealing costs.

And that's how you could have — in the space of less than five years — turned £500 into an amazing £198,637! There would have been some tax to pay but with a capital gain of that size it's almost a pleasure to pay the Inland Revenue.

The story is imaginary but the investment facts are true. All the buy/sell recommendations 'you' followed appeared on the dates shown in STOCKMARKET CONFIDENTIAL. And you could have done even better if you'd followed our tip to buy Acsis Jewellery on 10th June. In just three weeks this share rose from 34p to 278p WHICH COULD HAVE INCREASED YOUR CAPITAL TO WELL OVER £1.5 MILLION!

THE SECRET OF OUR SUCCESS…

…is knowing the right time to sell and take profits. True, some of our shares continue to rise after we sell — normally at a much lower rate than before. Others, drop back in price dramatically… Samuelson Group for instance has dropped from the 755p we sold them at down to 710p (adjusted for 1:5 split).

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	108.2	114.4●	-0.2	10.49
High Inc Equity	142.6	151.7	-0.2	3.53
Worldwide Bond	183.5	195.2●	-0.4	4.97
American Growth	175.7	186.9	+2.5	0.75
Asian Pacific	95.8	102.5	+0.5	1.24
Assets & Earns	188.0	199.9	+0.4	0.87
Capital Reserve	73.5	73.8	..	1.37
Comm & Energy	191.6	203.8	+2.2	..
European Capital	95.6	101.9	+0.2	0.74
General	186.7	198.6	+0.4	2.27
Japan	88.7	94.3	-0.9	..
UK Growth Inc	187.1	199.0	+0.4	1.22
Do Accum	271.9	289.2	+0.6	0.84
US Emerging Co's	59.0	62.7●	+0.9	0.27
Income & Growth	308.9	328.6	+0.5	2.25
Mastertst Acc	89.2	94.8	+0.5	1.35
American Inc	52.6	55.9●	+0.6	4.69

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St John Street London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Europe Growth Acc	134.0	142.7	+0.2	1.09
Exempt	458.3	479.0●	+1.8	3.36
Far Eastern	253.7	271.3●	-0.8	0.10
Fin & Prop	106.1	112.4●	-0.2	1.48
High Yield	87.2	92.4	+0.3	3.92
Income & Gth	354.8	375.8●	+1.3	3.43
Intl Earnings	236.4	250.4	+1.4	1.76
Intl Growth Inc	113.6	121.0c	+1.2	0.28
Japan Growth Acc	143.3	153.3	-1.9	0.20
Nth Amer Gth Inc	148.0	158.4	+1.8	0.80
Preference Inc	125.3	132.7	..	9.53
Small Co's Div Inc	105.1	111.3	..	3.25
Small Co's Gth	394.9	418.3●	-1.7	1.03
Special Sits Inc	199.0	210.8	+0.1	0.66
UK Growth	470.4	488.3●	+0.1	2.23

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6801

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	55.1	58.7	+0.5	1.82
Australian	34.7	37.0●	+0.1	0.10
Japan & General	153.8	163.7●	+1.1	0.03
High Income	68.4	72.8●	+0.2	4.23
International Trust	119.7	127.4	+1.0	0.44
Income Gth Tst	78.4	83.5	+0.3	3.63
Gilts & Fixed Int	22.1	23.9c	..	10.17

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inv Fund	541.65		..	3.70
Fixed Int	139.5		..	10.25
Deposit	100.0		..	9.10

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	506.38		..	3.87
Accum	£16.0848		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	9.35

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
72/73 Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6622

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
S & C Special Sits	83.3	88.1	+0.8	0.52

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Growth	25.7	27.2	+0.2	0.00
Dragon Growth Fund	32.0	33.9	+0.3	0.00
Equity High Income	66.6	70.5●	-0.1	3.20
European Growth	32.8	34.8	-0.1	0.30
General Equity	61.8	65.4●	..	1.90
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	30.2	31.8●	..	4.30
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.0	25.3●	..	9.00
Intl Inc Tst	26.6	29.2●	+0.1	4.40
Japan Growth	42.9	45.4	-0.8	0.00
Pacgrow Gth	36.6	38.8	-0.1	1.60
Special Sits Tst	46.6	49.4	+0.2	1.00

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 6818

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	66.1	70.3	..	1.81
Do Accum	66.3	70.5	..	1.81
Income Inc	67.2	71.5●	..	2.50
Do Accum	68.0	72.4●	+0.1	2.50
Worldwide Inc	59.5	63.7	+0.2	0.97
Do Accum	59.5	63.8	+0.2	0.97
Gamma Fund Inc	48.4	51.5	+0.1	0.80
Do Accum	48.4	51.5	+0.1	0.80

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth Sits	81.2	88.0	+0.9	0.80
Extra Income	267.4	272.4	+0.3	3.53

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Do Acc	26.8	28.3	+0.2	..
European Gth Inc	..		..	..
Do Acc	..		..	..
Do Inc	35.4	37.7	..	5.10

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
Callfree 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	124.3	133.0	+1.6	0.66
Amer Equity Income	34.0	36.2	+0.3	3.60
Amer Special Sits	55.8	59.4	+0.8	0.09
Australia	51.2	54.5	+0.3	0.96
European	67.5	71.9	+0.2	..
European Inc	25.1	26.8●	-0.2	3.71
Global Conv	26.8	28.4c	..	4.38
Far East Inc	41.4	44.1	..	3.07
Gilt & Fixed Int	28.3	●	-0.2	9.50
Growth & Income	139.8	148.5	-1.1	3.50
Japan Special Sits	64.5	68.9	-0.1	..
Japan	160.7	171.5	-0.4	..
Managed Intl	164.0	174.5	+0.7	0.35
Max Income Equity	128.1	136.3●	-0.4	3.92
Famous Names	50.1	53.6●	-0.3	2.17
South East Asia	60.2	64.1	+0.2	0.01
Special Sits	318.1	338.1●	-2.0	0.55

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer & Gen Inc	224.4	237.4●	+3.8	..
Do Accum	229.2	242.5●	+3.8	..
Amer Turnarnd Inc	228.9	242.2	+3.3	1.03
Do Accum	237.4	251.2	+3.4	1.03
Capital Tst Inc	338.1	357.7c	+1.3	1.49
Do Accum	413.4	437.4c	+1.5	1.49
Conv & Gilt Inc	114.7	121.3	..	4.20
Do Accum	158.3	167.5	+0.1	4.20
European Inc	74.2	78.5	+0.5	0.77
Do Accum	74.5	78.8	+0.5	0.77
Extra Inc Tst Inc	264.1	279.4●	+0.8	3.10
Do Accum	294.1	311.2●	+0.9	3.10
Financial Accum	56.6	59.8	+0.3	0.91
Do Inc	55.3	58.5	+0.2	0.91
Income Trust	187.7	198.6	+0.4	3.24
Do Accum	203.1	214.9	+0.4	3.24
Intl Growth Fd Inc	183.7	194.3	+1.5	..
Do Accum	203.9	215.7	+1.7	..
Japan & Gen Inc	120.3	127.3	..	..
Do Accum	121.5	128.5	..	..
Monthly Income Fd	144.4	152.8●	..	2.82

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
North American	32.1	34.9a	+0.5	0.59
Global	59.0	62.4●	+0.3	0.55
European	57.4	60.7●	+0.2	0.88
Japan	74.2	79.0●	-0.6	0.50

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	511.0	543.7	+1.1	1.50
Income	412.8	439.2	+0.8	3.65
North American	311.9	331.9	+4.3	1.43

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Natural Res Fund	87.8	93.6	+0.7	1.81
European Income	83.6	89.0●	+0.2	2.71
Financials Fund	58.6	62.4●	+0.3	2.41
Intl Tech Fund	134.1	142.1c	+0.6	0.14

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balanced Gth Inc	85.9	91.4	+0.4	0.80
do Acc	87.9	93.5	+0.4	..
High Yield Acc	36.1	38.4	..	..
Do Inc	35.4	37.7	..	5.10
Income Gth Acc	69.4	73.8	-0.1	..
Do Inc	63.3	67.3	-0.1	4.00
Service Co Acc	98.8	105.1	+0.8	..
Do Inc	96.9	103.1	+0.7	0.30

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Canadian Trust	59.4	63.0	+0.3	0.21
Equity Income Trust	127.9	135.7	+0.2	3.70
European Trust	113.1	120.0	+0.1	0.77
High Income Trust	95.3	101.1●	+0.1	4.27
Intl Situations Trust	79.5	84.4	+0.6	0.36
Japan & Far East	145.2	154.1	-1.0	0.01
Nth Amer Tst	71.8	76.2	+0.8	0.92
Reserves & Assets	57.7	61.5c	+0.3	4.94
Scandinavian Trust	93.8	99.5●	+0.5	0.77
Smaller Companies	224.8	238.5●	+0.8	1.06
UK New Generation	48.3	51.2	+0.4	0.88

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
0277 261010

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Do Accum	288.1	303.9	+3.9	0.62
Am Smaller Co Acc	59.0	62.8●	+0.5	0.00
Australia Acc	215.7	227.8	+2.1	0.24
Commodity Acc	401.5	423.6	+0.7	0.71
Compound Growth	619.3	653.4	-8.2	2.19
Conversion Growth	513.1	541.3	-3.5	2.06
Do Inc	288.4	304.3●	-2.0	3.94
Dividend Fund Inc	616.3	650.2	-4.2	3.71
Do Accum	£18.71	19.74	-0.12	3.71
European Acc	341.4	360.2	-0.7	0.51
Extra Yield Inc	350.2	369.5●	-2.7	3.65
Do Accum	782.1	825.1●	-5.9	3.65
Far Eastern Inc	213.4	227.3●	+2.6	0.64
Do Accum	263.2	280.3●	+3.2	0.64
Fund Of Inv Inc	364.8	384.9	-0.9	2.01
Do Acc	584.1	616.2	-1.5	2.01

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey La EC2 8BT
01-606 9085/6

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth Fund	211.7	225.2	..	1.45
Income Fund	120.4	128.0	..	3.09
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	73.4	74.8	..	0.00
US Govt Bond Fd	e52.1	52.3	+0.1	..
Challenger	50.6	50.9	-0.1	2.00

WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD
01-405 8331

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Cdew & Equity	91.1	96.3	..	4.24
Income	99.5	105.0●	-0.3	2.46
Growth	102.6	118.7●	+0.1	0.78
Property Shares	62.6	66.9	+0.1	1.50

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1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
35½	11½	A & M Gp	24	25½	-½	..	..	92.6
335	160	ASD	308	318	-17	12.3	3.9	14.8
90	50	ATA Selection	72	77	●-5	2.1	2.8	31.0
300	139	Abbeycrest	185	195	+3	1.9	1.0	27.5
95	43	Aberdeen Stk Hse	73	78	-2	1.6	2.1	47.2
45	45	Access Satellite	..	-	..	4.4	..	..
75	43	Acorn Comp	50	53	-1	..	..	48.6
288	9	Acsis Jewellery	200	210	r ..	..	..	..
230	103	Arcspring	223	228	-2	8.1	3.8	12.2
150	60	Amer Bus Sys	125	130	..	..	..	56.6
95	70	Do Wnts	70	80	..	..	..	..
46½	28½	Amer Elec	36	38	..	1.2	3.2	22.8
510	269	Anglia Secure Hms	416	426	+13	2.2	0.5	55.5
193	112	Antler	147	152	-3	4.1	2.7	15.7
585	353	App Holographics	582	587	+11	..	..	..
550	310	Do Wnts	540	560	+15	..	..	..
93	24	Aran Energy	88	90	..	..	..	..
400	145	Ashtead	370	400	..	4.1	1.1	34.4
595	318	Aspen Comms	520	540	● ..	5.5	1.0	32.8
193	113	Aspinall	190	192	+12	8.2	4.3	26.2
900	187	Aspray	300	320	s +20	5.5	1.8	17.3
65	28	Assoc Energy	58	59	+2	..	..	..
335	160	ASD	308	318	-17	12.3	3.9	14.8
355	151	Atlas Equipment	330	335	+3	6.7	2.0	27.2
145	86	Automagic	140	145	..	8.9	6.2	15.7
165	65	BBB Design	95	105	-5	2.1	2.1	15.9
65	40	BCE	50	51½	●-1	1.4	2.7	17.6
129	70	BTS Grp	122	125	● ..	5.6	4.7	16.7
205	126	Beaverco	185	195	●-5	6.9	3.8	15.1
180	95	Bedford (William)	157	162	..	6.4	4.0	19.2
82	22½	Bennett & Fountain	59½	61	-½	1.0	1.7	50.8
133	50	Bensons Crisps	97	102	+2	..	..	18.1
149	122	Berry Birch & Noble	147	150	+2	5.8	3.9	16.4
152	136	Biotn&Battersea	135	140	..	1.9	1.4	19.1
50	15½	Bio Isolates	44	45	+1	..	..	..
48	18	Biomechanics	45	48	+4	..	..	..

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
100	51	Fletcher Dennys	73	78	..	1.4	1.8	17.7
85	44	Flexitech	68	71	+1	..	..	12.3
345	276	Flogas	325	330	-5	5.0	1.5	16.7
84	36	Floyd Oil	59	62	r -1	..	..	25.0
190	129	Forward Gp	185	190	..	3.0	1.6	23.3
242	159½	French Conn	235	245	..	7.2	3.0	20.8
207	115	Freshbake	166	169	●+2	3.2	1.9	26.3
530	340	Fuller Smith 'A'	525	535	..	7.0	1.3	21.6
130	81	GC Flooring	95	100	..	..	..	..
175	81	Gabbcom	157	162	-1	4.3	2.7	18.8
104	75	Gee (Cecil)	95	99	-1	1.4	1.4	..
183	93	Gibbons Lyons	170	180	●-5	5.5	3.1	19.7
247	130	Gibbs New	198	208	●+3	5.5	2.7	18.3
280	47	Global Gp	98	108	..	4.1	4.0	16.2
180	105	Godwin Warren	172	177	..	3.0	1.7	24.9
232	145	Goodhead Print	200	210	r -5	5.1	2.5	23.8
170	180	Granyte Motor Gp	157	162	..	..	..	..
113	66	Graynts Surface	93	98	..	3.4	3.5	14.8
310	152	Great Southern	295	305	+2	4.8	1.6	22.1
270	160	Green (Ernest)	265	275	+20	4.7	1.7	25.8
75	48	Greenwich Cable	53	58	+1	..	..	..
330	160	Guernsey Atlantic	300	320	..	..	..	95.4
140	90	Guidehouse	95	105	+6	..	..	..
256	106	Halls Homes	212	217	+2	3.8	1.8	32.9
131	80	Hampden Homecare	117	122	-3	2.2	1.8	17.3
84	24	Harmony Leisure	82	84	..	0.1	0.1	..
379	258	Havelock Europa	340	345	● ..	8.9	2.6	20.4
72	15	Hawtorn Leslie	41½	43	+1	..	..	..
176	153	Hay & Croft	163	168	..	..	..	..
138	45	Health Care	125	130	..	1.2	0.9	32.4
715	420	Heavitree	705	725	..	15.6	2.2	22.9
690	355	Do 'A' LV	680	700	+2	15.6	2.3	22.1
127	80	Hewetson	123	128	●-1	3.7	3.0	21.1
482	155	High-Point	450	460	+10	2.4	0.5	67.7
320	67	Highland Part	260	268	+2	..	..	..
80	56	Hills Ergonom	62	67	..	2.7	4.2	15.4

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
225	162	Pacer Systems	218	228	+4	..	..	..
403	45	Pacific Sales	385	405	..	4.1	1.0	93.7
198	122	Panthervale	185	200	..	2.1	1.1	17.4
263	241	Parkway	252	257	..	..	..	..
51	22½	Pavion	27	29	+1	..	..	17.8
335	145	Pepe Group	312	322	●+2	5.1	1.6	19.9
156	73	Pericom	82	87	-3	3.4	4.0	5.8
220	21	Perkins (J)	170	180	-8	2.5	1.4	90.2
275	131	Personal Computer	280	290	+20	4.9	1.8	18.1
218	110	Peters (Michael)	202	207	+4	3.8	1.9	34.8
54	19	Petrogen	27	30	-5	..	..	..
98	35	Piccadilly Radio	83	88	● ..	2.7	3.1	24.4
75	34	Pict Pet	64	68	-2	..	..	9.0
118	84	Pineapple	93	97	+1	..	..	..
116	68	Plasmec	80	83	..	3.3	4.0	10.3
260	170	Platon	190	195	●-3	4.6	2.4	14.0
278	115	Plym Hldgs	248	253	..	4.1	1.6	34.3
175	105	Polytech Marine	115	122	-3	..	..	..
170	97	Powerline	135	145	-2	3.1	2.2	18.2
175	134	Prism Leisure	144	148	● ..	1.0	0.7	12.9
131	71	Promopoint	100	105	..	3.4	3.3	33.6
14½	2½	Property Trust	8½	9½	-½	..	..	..
196	125	Quarto	183	188	..	4.5	2.4	20.7
258	195	Quested	247	252	● ..	6.8	2.7	15.2
125	95	RKF	123	128	..	..	..	..
167	98	Radamec	163	168	+1	1.8	1.1	35.9
163	44	Radio City 'A'	105	110	-3	..	..	21.1
121	54	Radio Clyde	92	97	..	5.1	5.4	..
285	108	Radiex	275	285	● ..	4.5	1.6	29.8
46	28	Ramco Oil	28	29	-1	..	..	6.8
285	108	Ramus	267	272	-1	8.1	3.0	23.4
291	78	Randsworth	230	235	r +18	0.3	0.1	..
191	63	Real Time Control	150	160	●-10	2.7	1.7	27.0
88	32	Regenz Health	85	87	+6	0.4	0.5	74.1
253	126	Reliance Sec	220	230	s +5	6.2	2.8	20.8
56	30	Reliant Motor	37	39	-2	..	..	..

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
185	98	West Yorkshire	135	145	..	5.7	4.1	19.0
358	186	Whatney Mackay	350	365	..	3.6	1.1	45.9
38½	9½	Williams Syst	27½	29	●-1	0.7	0.4	69.5
126	18½	William (Rex) Hldgs	121	124	+1	1.3	1.1	90.4
223	170	Wood John D & Co	208	211	-3	3.4	1.6	23.2
210	60	Woolass Boxes	185	195	● ..	6.9	3.6	26.2
965	275	Worcester	920	950	+10	10.3	1.1	28.7
728	122	Wld of Leather	130	135	-2	4.3	3.2	13.4
310	192	Wyepole	270	280	+10	..	..	..
90½	63	Wyko	81	83	● ..	3.6	4.4	27.5
71	30	Yelverton	51	54	r +4	..	..	19.6
137	57	York Mount	115	120	+2	2.7	2.3	30.7
173	51	Yorks Tst Gp	137	142	..	1.4	1.0	..
100	95	Do 6%	100	-	..	600	8.6	..
147	51	Zygal Dynamics	110	120	●+2	1.4	1.2	16.5

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
316	203	Fleming Claver	296	300	●+4	7.7	2.6	51.9
603	338	Fleming Enterprise	593	598	●+10	12.7	2.1	63.7
216	159	Fleming Far East	214	216	+1½	1.1	0.5	..
276	145	Fleming Fledgling	273	278	+1	3.5	1.3	..
417	147	Fleming Japan	204	209	+1	4.8n	2.3	95.8
227	174	Fleming Mercantile	217	220	●+2	5.1	2.3	59.7
208	165½	Fleming Overseas	203	205	● ..	3.1	1.5	89.9
217	168	Fleming Tech	215	218	●+1	0.8	0.4	..
187	158	Fleming Universal	182	185	+1	2.1	1.1	..
143	113½	For Col	136½	139½	●+½	2.4	1.7	80.8
120	98	GBC Capital	110	112	+1	..	..	..
325	223	GT Japan	309	314	-1	1.9	0.6	..
462	338	General Cons	434	436	+2	19.9b	4.6	32.9
294	216	General Fund	265	280	..	3.0	1.0	..
186	128½	Globe (sic)	177½	179½	+½	5.6	3.1	40.0
175	145	Govett Atlantic	161	163	..	4.1b	2.5	48.8
365½	254	Govett Oriental	355	358	● ..	3.2	0.9	..
417	259	Govett Strategy	410	414	..	5.2	1.3	..

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
431	294	River Plate	403	408	● ..	12.7	3.1	43.9
345	295	Robeco	332	-	+9	..	..	..
328	269	Rolinco	312	-	+5	..	..	..
448	338	Romney	423	428	..	6.9	1.6	..
16½	15	Rorento	15⅞	-	..	..	..	..
225	160	St Andrew Inv Tst	228	223	● ..	5.3b	2.4	62.9
272	225	Schroder Global	250	254	..	5.8	2.3	54.8
501	497	Scottish	494	498	● ..	9.4	1.9	75.7
113	89½	Scot American	106	109	●-½	2.7b	2.5	62.0
172	132	Scot Eastern	184	185	+1	3.0	1.8	76.8
140	65	Scot Merc 'A'	133	136	..	6.9	5.1	27.2
148½	115	Scot Mtge	144	145	+1½	2.7	1.9	73.4
480	331	Scot Nat	462	465	-3	8.2	1.8	77.9
939	757	Second Alliance	932	939	+1	28.8	3.1	42.0
129½	97	Secs Tst of Scotland	122	123	+½	4.3	3.5	39.8
139	74	Smaller Cos	137	139	+1	1.4	1.0	82.8
338	207	Steel Bush	240	246	-5	12.7	6.2	12.5
185	114	TR Australia	182	-	-2	3.2	1.7	54.6

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
94½	64½	TR City Of Lon Dfd	88½	89½	+½	1.2	3.6	37.6
150½	112½	TR Ind & Gen	148	149½	● ..	3.0	2.9	69.6
106	88	TR Natural Res	95	99	s -1	2.8	2.9	43.6
143	97	TR North America	118	120	..	2.7	2.3	53.1
313	204	TR Pacific Basin	298	302	..	1.4	0.5	..
129	73	TR Property	119	121	+1	1.9	1.6	73.6
85	59	TR Tech	83	85	..	1.3	1.5	71.2
149	94	TR Trustees	148	150	●+1	3.0	2.0	82.1
258	168	Temple Bar	250	253	r +1	8.9	3.5	36.7
564	325	Throgmorton	539	543	+3	13.2	2.4	58.4
538	275	Throg Dual	465	475	..	..	..	..
216	165	Tribune	209	212	●+1	4.6	2.2	49.5
94½	65	Triplevest Inc	93½	95	..	18.5	19.6	7.3
190	48	GT USDC	185	190	..	1.8	1.0	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1987 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
44	18	Daily Mail	37	39	..	80.0	2.3	22.9
42	23	Do 'A'	36	38	..	80.0	2.4	22.3
53½	30½	Eagle Trust	35	35½	+½	..	..	..
250	158	Electra	231	233	..	4.0	1.7	43.8
179	91	Eng Trust	177	188	..	4.1	2.3	19.8
240	88	Exploration	235	245	..	3.4	1.4	26.0
13	780	Framlington	12⅞	13	..	15.1	1.2	33.4
261	128	Frost Gp	253	258	..	7.9	3.1	24.8
323	182	GT Management	303	298	+3	6.9	2.3	15.4
270	173	Goode Durrant	233	238	+1	3.4	1.4	33.4
16⅞	963	Henderson Admin	15⅞	16	● ..	34.3	2.2	19.8
289	188	ICH	280	263	-6	12.3	4.7	11.6
685	427	MAI	653	658	..	26.7	4.1	13.9
585	308	MAM	585	595	..	6.9	1.2	21.6
405	265	M & G	375	379	+5	9.6	2.5	27.8
588	297	Mercantile House	537	545	-1	5.8	1.1	18.8
271	148	Smith New Court	220	225	●-5	11.0	4.9	11.0
481	263	Tyndall Hldgs	430	438	●-1	6.9	1.6	27.0

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

After a week when Brent recovered 60c, as the spot market struggled to regain its fundamental balance, prices Friday retraced about 25c. Traders were uneasy that the recovery might have been overdone and the Merc sold down as players closed positions. Products prices also slipped lower in a quiet and cautious close.

Crude oils/assessed
$/BBL FOB

Brent Phys:	18.15	-15
15 day Sep:	18.15	-15
15 day Oct:	18.25	-15
WTI Oct:	19.25	-40
WTI Nov:	19.05	-35

PRODUCTS
Buy/sell ranges $/MT
Spot Cif Nwe - prompt deliver

Prem Gas .15:	-1	170-173	-1
Gasoil EEC:		158-159	-1
Non 1H Sep:	-1	154-155	-1
Non 1H Oct:	-3	154-156	-3
3.5 Fuel Oil:	+1	93-96	+2
Naphta:	-1	155-157	-1

GAS OIL (G W Joynson)

Oct	154.75-50
Nov	156.50-25
Dec	157.75-50
Jan	161.00-58.50
Feb	163.00-56.50
Mar	165.00-54.50
Apr	167.00-52.50
May	169.00-50.50
Jun	171.00-48.50
Vol	4741

HEAVY FUEL OIL (Reuters)

Sep	
Oct	96.25-97.0
Nov	98.0-100.2
Vol	5

LONDON FOX
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

Oct	136.8-36.4
Dec	143.6-43.0
Mar	152.2-51.8
May	156.6-56.2
Aug	160.6-60.0
Oct	164.8-64.4
Vol	3130

COCOA

Sep	1167-55
Dec	1189-98
Mar	1230-29
May	1253-52
Jul	1273-71
Sep	1292-91
Dec	1314-12
Vol	4740

COFFEE

Sep	1293-92
Nov	1322-21
Jan	1350-47
Mar	1367-62
May	1380-77
Jul	1400-13.90
Sep	1425-20
Vol	1956

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices
Official Volume previous day
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in cents per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	1100.0-1100.5
Three Months	1084.0-1084.5
Vol	272025
Tone	Steadier

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	1096.0-1099.0
Three Months	1077.0-1080.0
Vol	100
Tone	Idle

LEAD

Cash	412.00-416.00
Three Months	395.00-395.50
Vol	37375
Tone	Steady

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	459.00-460.00
Three Months	464.00-465.00
Vol	24500
Tone	Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	780.00-783.00
Three Months	795.00-797.00
Vol	25
Tone	Idle

SILVER SMALL

Cash	780.00-783.00
Three Months	795.00-797.00
Vol	0
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	992.00-993.00
Three Months	975.50-976.00
Vol	186200
Tone	Steadier

ALUMINIUM HIGH GRADE
($ per tonne)

Three Months	1680.0-1690.0
Vol	7550
Tone	Idle

NICKEL

Cash	3195-3200
Three Months	3204-3205
Vol	2796
Tone	Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 11

GB: Cattle, 97.57p per kg lw (-0.58)
GB: Sheep 162.61p per kg* (-3.40)
GB: Pigs, 73.70p per kg lw (-0.94)
* est. dead carcase weight

England & Wales: Cattle up 4.9 %, av price, 97.21p(-0.71)
Sheep down 32.1 %, av price, 163.65p(-0.71)
Pig up 12.6 %, av price, 73.70p(-0.94)

Scotland: Cattle up 6.1 %, av price, 100.39p(+0.39)
Sheep down 18.2 %, av price, 157.35p(-6.73)
Pig n.a %, av price, n.a

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kg

Month	Open	Close
Oct	102.0	102.0
Nov	103.00	103.00
Feb	97.00	97.00
Apr	99.00	99.10
		Vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract p. per kg

Month	Open	Close
Oct	96.50	96.50
Nov	98.00	98.00
Feb	94.50	94.30
		Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Sep	105.50	98.50
Nov	106.00	100.60
Jan	108.10	103.50
Mar	110.60	105.75
May	113.10	107.85
Jul	115.65	—

Vol: Wheat 391
Barley 35

SOYABEAN

Oct	132.8-34.0
Dec	131.0-32.0
Feb	132.0-32.5
Apr	132.3-32.0
Jun	126.5-27.5
Aug	126.0-26.2
Oct	127.5-28.4
Vol	157

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Nov	88.00	88.00
Feb	94.50	94.50
Mar	85.50	86.00
Apr	133.50	135.40
		Vol: 786

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Oct 87	1075.0-1065	1072.0
Jan 88	1100.0-1083	1100.0
Apr 88	1170-1162.5	1162.5
Jul 88	—	1067.5

Vol: 105 lots Open int: 1804
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
1080.5 down 1.0 on 10/9/87

THIRD MARKET

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change
440	180	Abelscot Group	425	455	n/c
54¾	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	51	54	-1
150	110	Allied Insurance	138	148	-7
285	121	Broadcast Commun	210	220	n/c
98	38	Catalyst Comm	87	91	-2
150	24	Corton Beach	123	128	-2
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	24	26	-1
41	8	Do. Warrants	16	18	-1
82	17	Publishing Holdings	58	61	-5
85¾	45¾	Theme Holdings	70	73	+5
139¾	112¾	Unit Group	137f	142f	f

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities edge higher

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 24. Dealings ended yesterday. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day September 21.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE xx)

Portfolio —Gold—

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Stand Chart (aa)	Banks,Discount	
2	TVS N/V	Cinemas,TV	
3	Brammer	Industrials A-D	
4	Trafalgar Hse (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
5	Evered	Industrials E-K	
6	Neepsend	Industrials L-R	
7	Lon Intl	Industrials L-R	
8	Powerscreen	Industrials L-R	
9	Silkolene	Oil & Gas	
10	Rea Bros	Banks,Discount	
11	Lucas (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
12	Ayrshire Metal	Industrials A-D	
13	Brown Boveri Kent	Electricals	
14	Rolls-Royce (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
15	Bramall (CD)	Motors,Aircraft	
16	JBL	Electricals	
17	Steetley	Buildings,Roads	
18	Assoc Newspaper	Newspapers,Pub	
19	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
20	Davies & Met 'A'	Industrials A-D	
21	Control Secs	Property	
22	Helene Of London	Drapery,Stores	
23	Hong Kong Land	Property	
24	Sekers	Textiles	
25	Southend Stadium	Property	
26	Pittard	Shoes,Leather	
27	Lon & Edin Tst	Property	
28	TV-AM	Cinemas,TV	
29	Bryant	Buildings,Roads	
30	Linread	Industrials L-R	
31	Victor Products	Industrials S-Z	
32	Sidlaw	Industrials S-Z	
33	Whessoe	Industrials S-Z	
34	Enterprise	Oil & Gas	
35	Charterhall	Oil & Gas	
36	Appletree Hldgs	Foods	
37	Tricentrol	Oil & Gas	
38	Saville Gordon (J)	Industrials S-Z	
39	Sears (aa)	Drapery,Stores	
40	Walker, Greenbank	Industrials S-Z	
41	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
42	Collins (Wm)	Newspapers,Pub	
43	Cliffords Dairies	Foods	
44	Burmah (aa)	Oil & Gas	
© Times Newspapers Ltd.		Daily Total	

Please take into account any *minus signs*

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in today's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Portfolio —Gold—

DAILY DIVIDEND	WEEKLY DIVIDEND
£4,000	£8,000
Claims required for +46 points	Claims required for +224 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)								
102⅛	95½	Treas	12%	1987	100⅛	..	12.0	10.041
99⅝	95⅝	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	99⅝	..	7.8	9.150
102¼	98	Exch	10½%	1988	100	..	10.5	10.358
101⅞	98½	Treas	C9¾%	1988	99½	..	9.8	10.336
97⅛	92¼	Trans	3%	1978-88	96⅞	..	3.1	7.250
101⅝	98	Treas	9½%	1988	99	..	9.6	10.418
105¼	85½	Treas	11½%	1989	101⅞	..	11.3	10.406
104⅝	98⅝	Treas	10½%	1989	100⅛	+⅛	10.5	10.383
103⅝	96⅝	Exch	10%	1989	99¼	+⅛	10.1	10.383
108	98⅝	Exch	10¼%	1989	100⅛	+⅛	10.2	10.136
105⅝	95	Exch	11%	1989	101⅛●	..	10.9	10.364
95⅝	88⅞	Treas	5%	1986-89	93 ●	..	5.4	8.588
102¼	95⅝	Treas	C9½%	1989	96⅝●	+4½	9.8	10.390
94⅝	88⅝	Treas	3%	1989	93⅛	..	3.2	7.364
111	103⅛	Treas	13%	1990	105⅝	..	12.3	10.344
106½	95	Exch	11%	1990	101¼	+⅛	10.9	10.390
110⅝	99½	Exch	12½%	1990	104½	+⅛	12.0	10.421
91⅝	84⅛	Treas	3%	1990	88⅝	−⅛	3.4	7.832
100	93¼	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	95½	..	8.6	10.097
105	97⅛	Treas	10%	1990	98¾	+⅛	10.1	10.459
89½	80⅝	Exch	2½%	1990	85⅞	−⅛	2.9	7.607
110⅝	96⅝	Treas	C10%	1991	98¾	+⅛	10.0	10.065
110½	102¾	Treas	11¾%	1991	103⅞	+⅛	11.3	10.295
95⅝	85⅝	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	89⅝●	..	6.4	9.327
109⅞	100⅝	Exch	11%	1991	101⅞	+⅛	10.8	10.291
88⅛	79⅝	Treas	3%	1991	84½	−⅛	3.6	7.957
93	91	Treas	8%	1991	92⅞	+⅛	..	10.339
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS								
118½	107⅞	Treas	12¾%	1992	108	+⅛	11.8	10.373
106¼	92⅝	Treas	10%	1992	98⅝	+⅛	10.1	10.338
108⅝	99¼	Treas	C10½%	1992	100¼	+⅛	10.5	10.400
85⅝	78½	Treas	3%	1992	79⅞	..	3.8	8.189
96⅞	89⅛	Treas	8%	1992	91¾●	+⅛	8.7	10.292
117	100⅞	Exch	12¼%	1992	106⅞	+⅛	11.5	10.458
121	108⅝	Exch	13½%	1992	111⅝	+⅛	12.1	10.475
107⅛	93⅞	Treas	10%	1993	98½●	..	10.1	10.369
118½	108	Treas	12½%	1993	108⅝	+⅛	11.5	10.463
95⅛	81¾	Fund	6%	1993	86 ●	..	7.0	9.027
125⅛	113⅝	Treas	13¾%	1993	114⅞	..	12.0	10.524
128¾	113½	Treas	14½%	1994	118⅞	..	12.2	10.428
120⅛	103⅛	Exch	12½%	1994	109½	+⅛	11.4	10.519
124¾	113	Exch	13½%	1994	113⅞	..	11.9	10.578
103¼	91¾	Treas	9%	1994	94¼	..	9.5	10.167
107⅝	39⅛	Treas	10%	1994	98⅝	+⅛	10.2	10.347
118¼	105¼	Treas	12%	1995	107⅞	..	11.2	10.514
84¼	75⅛	Gas	3%	1990-95	80⅞	−⅛	3.7	8.129
109⅝	97⅝	Exch	10¼%	1995	99⅞	+⅛	10.3	10.434
123⅞	111	Treas	12¾%	1995	112¼	+⅛	11.4	10.509
130⅝	117⅞	Treas	14%	1996	118½	+⅛	11.8	10.612
102⅝	89	Treas	9%	1992-96	93⅞●	..	9.6	10.127
139½	125	Treas	15¼%	1996	126	..	12.1	10.571
127⅞	114¼	Exch	13¼%	1996	115½	+⅛	11.5	10.498
89½	80	Redmpt	3%	1996	83⅛●	..	3.6	——
108½	96⅛	Conv	10%	1996	97½	+⅛	10.2	10.418
128⅝	115	Treas	13¼%	1997	115⅝	+⅛	11.4	10.498
111½	95	Exch	10½%	1997	100½	+¼	10.4	10.416

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1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
524	421	Midland (aa)	490	497	r ..	27.6	5.6	6.5
578	360	Morgan Grenfell	533	538	+11	14.9	2.8	13.8
258	149	Nat Aust Bk	252	256	r +1			
790	535	Nat West (aa)	710	715	●+1	29.5	4.1	7.3
285	123	Ottoman	260	-	-5	8.00	3.1	8.5
440	278	Provident	387	390	-5	18.5	4.8	13.4
152	135	Rea Bros	140	150	+5	2.01	1.4	27.7
216	137	Rothschild (J) Hld	206	209	r +2	8.2	3.9	11.1
449	298	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	388	392	-4	15.6	4.0	9.8
17	705	Schroders	15¼	16¼	-⅛	22.6	1.4	24.5
843	728	Stand Chart (aa)	805	810	●+7	48.0	5.9	10.0
145	130	TSB (aa)	144	146	+3½	6.5	4.5	..
10¼	680	Union	940	955		63.0	6.6	11.0
529	326	Warburg SG	468	472	-3	..	..	..
178	122	Do 6% 'A'	159	162	-1	8.2	5.1	..
37⅞	27¼	Wells Fargo	32½	-	+¼	..	..	..
520	290	Wintrust	510	530	●+10	8.5	1.6	20.5

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	415	417	+2	15.8	3.8	12.3
10½	729	Bass (aa)	970	975	●-1	24.1	2.5	17.9
77	61	Belhaven	62	64	-1	1.0	1.6	22.7
151½	124	Boddingtons	128	130	-1	5.1	4.0	14.1
710	537	Brown (Matthew)	700	707	+1	20.2b	2.9	24.5
186	131	Buckleys	180	185	..	4.4	2.4	58.5
239	141	Bulmer (H P)	223	228	●-2	7.9	3.5	18.1
195	165	Burtonwood Brew	182	187	s ..	4.0	2.2	29.9
535	440	Clark (Matthew)	521	531	● ..	12.3	2.3	17.6
352	202	Devenish (JA)	325	332	+1	4.0	1.2	45.5
279½	187	Greenall Whitley	221	223	-2	7.8	3.5	13.4
425	259	Greene King	412	415	-1	8.9	2.1	21.3
380	284	Guinness (aa)	367	369	+3	11.2	3.0	13.1
795	473	Hardys & Hansons	780	800	..	26.4	3.3	17.4
94	68	Highland Dist	92	94	-1	3.1	3.3	18.0
206	138	Invergordon Dist	193	197	+6	7.5	3.8	12.7
235	145	Irish Dist	218	223	..	6.0	2.7	..
154	113	Marston Thompson	133	135	-½	3.5	2.6	16.9
603	345	Morland	550	565	..	9.9	1.8	27.1
470	131	SA Breweries	430	445	..	..	..	..
264½	178	Scot & New (aa)	245	247	● ..	10.9	4.4	13.7
580	465	Vaux	520	528	-1	18.6	3.5	18.5
385	272	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	334	336	-5	12.2	3.6	14.1
400	348	Do 'B'	380	390	..	12.2	3.2	16.2
365	270	Whitbread Inv	323	330	-2	11.3	3.5	38.0
405	277½	Wolverhampton & D	382	388	-1	7.0	1.8	21.6
477	274	Young 'A'	455	465	..	11.6	2.5	26.8

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
460	193	Abbey	430	450	● ..	..	..	..
297	222	Aberdeen Constr	280	282	-1	12.1	4.8	20.7
449	270	Amec	381	384	+9	16.8	4.4	14.4
88½	28	Anglo Utd	59	61	●+1	1.4	2.3	..
147	68	Arncliffe	138	148	● ..	3.8	2.7	33.8
367	217	Atwoods	365	368	+13	7.2	2.0	28.1
882	345	BPB Ind (aa)	345	350	s -6	8.6	2.5	15.1
310	97	Baggeridge Brick	280	290	..	2.7	0.9	38.5
94	31	Bailey (Ben) Constr	67	70	..	0.9	1.3	13.8
252	158	Barratt Devs	212	216	+2	11.4	5.3	22.4
327	168	Bellway	283	288	-1	10.3	3.6	15.1
305	128	Bellwinch	150	155	..	4.4	2.9	14.0
530	134	Berkeley Gp	433	442	..	3.4	0.8	25.4
148	65	Bett Bros	117	122	● ..	4.5	3.8	33.1
23	137	Blockleys	475	525	..	5.9	1.2	41.8
574	335	Blue Circle	450	453	-1	18.5	4.1	12.2
425	289	Breedon PLC	232	252	-3			
241	86	Br Dredging	208	217	-1	5.5	2.6	30.7
81	14½	Brown & Jackson	59	60½	-½	..	..	..
188½	79	Bryant	136	138	+5	3.0	2.2	18.9
38½	11	Burnett & Hallam	25	26	+½	..	..	2.8
202	149	CRH	165	171	..	..	..	..
160	80	Campbell Robey	137	147	..	5.2	3.7	17.8
183	114	Church Charles	147	150	-1	3.8	2.6	17.7
278	150	Condor Grp	261	265	●-1	6.2	2.3	29.8
385	85	Copson PLC	315	325	r ..	2.4	0.8	..
387	246½	Costain	344	348	+7	12.2	3.5	12.6
402	120	Countryside	294	300	+10	2.3	0.8	33.8
102	81	Crosby James	87	90	..	..	..	..
233	129	Douglas (RM)	230	235	+3	4.1b	1.8	14.3
268	118	Erith	240	250	..	5.9	2.4	25.2
175	98	Feb	184	184	..	2.4	1.4	28.8
126	76	Do 'A'	110	120	..	2.4	2.1	19.0
283	118	Federated Hsg	268	270	-2	6.0	2.2	18.8
182	88	Finlan Gp	145	149	●-1	5.5	3.7	19.7
174	92	Galliford	160	162	..	6.9	4.3	25.0
180	118	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	175	185	..	3.4b	1.9	31.7
593	348	Gleeson (MJ)	530	540	● ..	8.4	1.6	14.6
308	162	Hamson Ind	303	308	●+1	7.9	2.6	18.9
286	172	Henderson	267	275	..	10.3	3.8	25.0
145	74	Hewden-Stuart	128	139	..	2.6	2.0	18.4
406	228	Heywood Williams	365	370	● ..	11.8	3.2	20.0
425	270	Higgs & Hill	335	343	..	10.3	3.0	16.2
161	49	Howard Hldgs	146	149	●+1	3.0	2.0	14.9
201	78	Ibstock Johnsen	181	185	-1	8.0	4.4	18.9
850	470	Jarvis (J) & Sons	775	875	●+25	20.6	2.5	18.3
414	262	Laing (J)	368	372	+10	8.2	2.2	12.5
414	253	Do 'A'	368	372	+10	7.8	2.1	12.5
194	88	Lawrence (Walter)	157	160	..	5.5	3.5	15.5
77½	42	Lilley (FJC)	59	68	-1	..	..	7.7
314	192	Lovell (YJ)	272	275	● ..	6.0	2.2	18.8
406	242	Magnet & Sthrn	250	254	-8			
413	326	Manders	390	395	..	13.7	3.5	20.9
191½	123	Marley	167	169	-½	6.0	3.6	19.7
353	188	Marshalls (Halifax)	313	318	● ..	8.6	2.7	21.5
677	386	McAlpine (Alfred)	552	555	..	20.4	3.7	12.8
620	303	McCarthy & S	515	525	●-1	4.7	0.9	22.9

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ELECTRICALS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
437	333	AB Elect	408	416		13.7	3.9	21.5
469	207	Alphameric	423	428	-4	3.4	0.8	25.9
224½	131	Amstrad (aa)	168	171	+3	0.6	0.4	17.8
123	45	Apricot Computers	117	122	..	..	..	16.0
242	105	Arlen	200	204	● ..	2.7b	1.3	18.2
800	288	Atlantic Comp	732	738	+3	6.3	0.9	21.2
183	73	Audio Fidelity	150	160	..	..	..	73.5
290	195	Auto Sec	272	277	..	2.7	1.0	20.3
436	269	BICC (aa)	413	417	●-5	16.8	4.0	21.8
139	94	BSR	129	132	+3	3.8	2.9	23.6
244	134	Beck	207	212	-1	4.7	2.2	18.1
291	92	Borland	218	223	●-2	..	..	..
690	211	Bowthorpe	235	242	● ..	3.7	1.5	20.4
249	74	Britannia Security	225	230	●-4	2.2	1.0	35.1
337	209	Br Telecom (aa)	260	262	●-1	11.6	4.4	12.5
153	98	Brown Boveri Kent	143	148	+5	4.8	3.3	15.1
51	15	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	27	32	-1	0.1	0.3	50.8
308	182	CAP Group	278	281	● ..	2.5	0.9	26.9
148	77	CASE	97	103	●-1	0.1	0.1	8.4
459	323	Cable Wireless (aa)	452	457	●-4	7.8	1.7	22.7
328	223	Cambridge Elec	268	272	..	11.2	4.1	17.3
136	102	Cambridge Instr	113	118	-1	1.0	0.9	12.7
117	53½	Chloride	85	87	-1	2.6	3.0	23.5
265	153	Colvec Intl	235	240	● ..	5.2	2.2	24.2
563	328	Cray Elect	520	530	● ..	7.0	1.3	28.7
301	210	Crystalate	223	227	+2	7.3	3.2	12.3
195	133	DDT Group	133	138	-2	1.6	1.2	24.1
133	59	Dale Elec	107	112	●-3	4.8	4.4	20.4
65	34	Dewhurst	50	53	● ..	1.7	3.3	19.9
64	30	Do 'A'	50	53	●+2	1.7	3.3	19.9
645	318	Domino	525	545	+3	3.1	0.6	35.1
78	45	Dowding & Mills	67	70	-1	2.3	3.3	17.9
245	158	Dubilier	221	225	+1	4.5	2.0	21.0
284	187	Electrocomponents	223	227	s -5	5.1	2.3	17.6
156	98	Elec Data Process	143	148	+3	2.5	1.7	17.5
270	55	Electronic Mach	150	165	● ..	0.4	0.3	..
84	48	Electronic Rentals	74	78	..	4.4	5.9	29.3
510	289	Emess Lighting	498	502	-3	9.3	1.9	27.7
585	273	Eurotherm	421	428	●+1	7.2	1.7	22.9
213	93½	FKI Elect	160	162	r +1½	1.9	1.2	21.9
278	188	Farnell Elect	253	257	●+3	3.8	1.5	23.0
153	98	Ferranti	120	123	●-1	2.7	2.2	17.1
122	53	Forward Tech	85	88	-1	1.0	1.1	15.9
251	160	GEC (aa)	210	212	●+1	7.3	3.5	13.5
201	173	Harland Simon	190	195				
104	80	Highland Elect	78	81	-2	3.4	4.3	10.5
303	146	Hoskyns Gp	298	308	+3	2.2	0.7	40.4
125	57	JBL	65	70	+5	1.1	1.6	10.7
123	111	ITL Gp	110	115	..	..	..	..
297	194	Int Signal & Control	218	221	●+1	1.0	0.5	..
390	245	Jones Stroud	375	385	● ..	13.7	3.6	12.5
483	250	Kode	447	457	..	19.2	4.2	19.2
380	248	Lec Refrigeration	335	345	-5	17.1	5.0	16.2
427	219	Logica	405	410	..	2.1	0.5	44.0
548	372	MK Elect	518	522	-1	16.4	3.2	16.1
344	215	Macro 4	332	335	..	2.6	0.8	35.5
400	115	Memec	300	308	-1	4.5	1.5	31.6
172	85	MBS	152	157	+1	0.7	0.5	..
530	363	Microfilm Repro	580	590	..	4.1	0.7	60.5
207	87	Micro Focus	145	155	..	..	..	..
441	191	Microgen	355	362	-6	8.2	2.3	30.1
408	250	Mitel	248	253	+1	..	..	..
33¼	25⅞	Molex	30¼	31¼				
98	57	Multitone Elect	95	100	●+10	0.1	0.1	73.7

FINANCE AND LAND

FOODS

HOTELS AND CATERERS

INDUSTRIALS A - D

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
24⅝	11	Bowater Inc	22⅝	22⅝	-⅛	..	..	..
700	186	Braithwaite Grp	382	387	..	..	..	..
380	273	Brammer	337	340	+5	17.1	5.0	18.8
143	50	Brasway	110	113	●-3	1.9	1.7	22.2
74	39	Bridgend Gp	63	67	..	0.2	0.3	43.3
248	142	Bridon	183	185	..	7.5	3.9	31.5
303	205	Bridport-Gundry	285	300	..	8.9	3.0	18.3
189	110	Brierley Inv	183	190				
213	184	Br Aerospace (aa)	193	195	●-2	8.2	4.2	..
310	145	Br Bldg & Eng App	305	315	● ..	2.4	0.8	..
192	90	Br Syphon	168	172	+2	5.5b	3.2	20.7
581	292	Br Vita	538	542	-3	10.6	2.0	22.7
463	242	Broken Hill	452	457	+3			
174	74	Bromsgrove Inds	165	168	-1	2.3	1.4	29.8
34	23	Brook Eng	28	30	..	0.7	2.4	30.2
66	34	Brooke Tool	53	54½	-1½	2.1	3.9	16.4
228	143	Brown & Tawse	225	230	..	9.9	4.3	19.4
291	163	Brunning Group	275	280	●-2	3.4	1.2	69.7
525	335	Bullough	480	490	-5	16.0	3.3	17.6
372	170	Burgess	302	307	-1	3.4	1.1	24.5
238	172	Burns-Anderson	205	208	-4	4.2	2.0	36.3
221	92	CH Ind	180	182	●-2	3.8	2.1	16.4
210	99	Camford Eng	198	202	+3	3.4e	1.7	27.7
427	177	Cannon St	353	358	r +3	5.5	1.5	26.8
81½	47	Capara Ind	70	71	● ..	2.3	3.3	
180	79	Cape Ind	154	157	-2	4.8e	3.1	11.3
210	87½	Carclo Eng	208	210	-1	..	..	..
200	181	Castings	197	202	+2	5.1	2.6	15.8
74	32	Celestion	50	55	● ..	1.4	2.8	31.9
28½	5½	Central & Sheer	19	20½	..	..	..	40.0
92	32	Centreway Ind	83	85	..	0.7	0.8	40.4
167	91	Chamberlain Ph	153	157	● ..	6.5	4.2	16.9
178	111	Chamberlain & Hill	168	173	-2	5.5	3.2	13.8
478	275	Chemring?	445	450	-2	17.8	4.0	15.1
885	583	Chemring	780	810	..	22.6	2.8	14.7
117	20	Christy Hunt	101	104	r ..	..	..	..
239	239	Clarke (Clement)	235	243	..	6.5	2.7	56.8
315	158	Clayton Son	290	300	..	12.3	4.2	9.8
845	575	Cohen (A)	825	855	..	16.6	2.0	13.9
745	480	Do 'A'	725	755	..	16.6	2.2	12.2
383	276	Coloroll Gp	323	327	-1	7.9	2.4	20.1
266	169	Concentric	242	247	..	6.7	2.7	21.7
182	85	Cont Stationery	184	188	-2	2.7	1.5	39.0
288	130	Cook (Wm)	160	170	● ..	6.9	4.2	10.3
834	438	Cookson (aa)	802	805	..	13.7	1.7	22.4
365	85	Copson (F)	315	325	r ..	2.4	0.8	..
132	85	CoseR	110	114	●-2	5.1	4.6	16.1
340	191	Courtney Pope	320	330	+10	7.5	2.3	21.5
95	51	Cowan De Groot	77	80	●-3	3.4	4.3	19.9
292	161	Crest Nicholson	241	243	r ..	7.5b	3.1	16.5
227½	172½	Cummins 3¼%	220	225		387.	1.7	
387	249	DPCE	305	315	+15	3.0	1.0	27.9
480	64	DSC	230	250	r -5	0.6	0.3	
400	279	Dalgety (aa)	385	390	-7	18.5	4.8	17.1
33⅝	22½	Dana	30¼	-				..
126	46	Davies & Met 'A'	123	128	●+5	0.9	0.7	..
625	263	Davies & Newman	530	580	..	17.8	3.2	14.2
221	135	Davis (Godfrey)	193	197	..	7.5	3.8	18.4
234	154	Davy	211	214	● ..	8.6	4.0	11.8
495	347	De La Rue	485	492	+5	16.4	3.4	17.5
320	196	Delta	287	289	-16	10.4	3.6	12.7
770	250	Denford Stamping	605	640	..	12.3	2.0	22.2
345	227	Desoutter	335	345	● ..	10.6	3.1	13.7
57	24½	Dobie Heel	45	48	●-1	0.6	1.3	..
304	218	Diploma	237	240	..	7.5	3.1	18.6
150	90	Dobson Park	125	128	r -1	7.1	5.7	16.5
185	35	Docmat	154	164	+1	..	..	..
208	175	Doulex	197	202	-1	..	..	..

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TEXTILES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
226	116	Parkland 'A'	210	215		6.9	3.2	15.4
95½	44½	Readicut	94	95	..	3.0	3.2	15.8
190	109	SEET	183	188	● ..	7.3	3.9	15.1
198	118	Sekers	160	165	●+7	3.6	2.2	12.0
176	128	Sirdar	146	149	+3	7.1	4.8	12.8
200	70	Smallshaw (R)	160	190	●+20	3.8	2.2	16.1
87½	34½	Stoddard 'A'	78	83	●	1.8	2.2	9.7
245	80	Textured Jersey	215	230	●+2	8.2	3.8	10.3
485	245	Tomkinsons	480	490	+13	6.5	1.3	23.4
157	105	Tootal	147	148	+1	5.8	3.9	18.5
378	220	Yorkyarn	326	330		10.3	3.2	13.0

TOBACCOS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
675	452	BAT (aa)	667	669	+13	21.0	3.1	15.8
183	119	Carroll	170	190	●			
436	236	Rothmans 'B'	423	425	● ..	10.6	2.5	11.7

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

3 INTERNATIONAL UNIT TRUSTS

AN INTERNATIONAL DIMENSION FOR YOUR PORTFOLIO

An international dimension can be very rewarding to investors who already have a good spread of UK holdings. Unit trusts specialising in individual overseas markets, or investing internationally, make an ideal way to diversify your portfolio.

M&G INTERNATIONAL INCOME FUND is designed to provide an above average yield and will appeal to investors with a particular need for income. M&G INTERNATIONAL GROWTH FUND and M&G AMERICAN & GENERAL FUND both aim exclusively for capital growth, regardless of income considerations. We have included our American fund for investors who want a specific stake in the country which has traditionally been more committed to capitalism than any other.

These three established M&G unit trusts are all broadly based, reflecting our belief that funds specialising in small and volatile markets are only suitable for investors with very substantial portfolios. Such funds sometimes feature prominently in short-term performance tables but this year's top fund often *becomes next year's laggard.*

The price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up. This means that unit trusts are *a long-term investment* and *not suitable for money* you may need at short notice.

M&G INTERNATIONAL GROWTH

This Fund aims for all out capital growth by investing in the major stock markets of the world.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. *Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G International Growth Fund on 19th December, 1967, with net income reinvested.*

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G INT. GROWTH	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
19 Dec '67	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
1970	1,325	1,198	1,203
1975	1,970	2,314	1,760
1980	4,891	4,368	2,777
1985	9,869	6,005	4,370
1 Sep '87	15,306	6,377	4,920*

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax.
The Building Society figures are based on an extra-interest account offering 1½% above the average yearly rate (source: Building Societies Association).
M&G International Growth figures are all realisation values. *Estimated.

M&G INTERNATIONAL INCOME

This Fund aims to provide above average and *growing income from an* international portfolio of equities.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. *£1,000 invested in Income units at the launch of M&G International Income Fund on 31st May, 1985, compared with a similar investment in a Building Society.*

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	INCOME		CAPITAL	
	M&G INT. INCOME	BUILDING SOCIETY	M&G INT. INCOME	BUILDING SOCIETY
31 May '85	—	—	£1,000	£1,000
1985	£12	£53	988	1,000
1986	43	75	1,226	1,000
1 Sep '87	—	—	1,440	1,000

NOTES All income figures shown are *net of basic-rate tax.*
The Building Society income figures are 1½% above the average of the rates offered in each year (source: Building Societies Association).
M&G International Income capital figures are all realisation values.

M&G AMERICAN & GENERAL

This Fund aims for capital growth by investing in a wide range of large American companies. It is also empowered to invest in Canada and indeed other parts of the world should the occasion arise.

COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE. Value of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G American & General Fund on 18th December, 1972, with net income reinvested.

Year ended 31 DECEMBER	M&G AMERICAN & GEN.	RETAIL PRICE INDEX	BUILDING SOCIETY
18 Dec '72	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
1975	622	1,650	1,287
1980	1,276	3,114	2,031
1985	4,642	4,281	3,196
1 Sep '87	6,084	4,547	3,598*

NOTES All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax.
The Building Society figures are based on an extra-interest account offering 1½% above the average yearly rate (source: Building Societies Association).
M&G American & General figures are all realisation values. *Estimated.

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FURTHER INFORMATION On 9th September 1987 offered prices and estimated gross current yields were

	Income	Accumulation	Yield
International Growth	993.9p xd	1616.1p	1.01%
International Income	75.5p	80.3p	4.42%
American & General	251.6p xd	296.1p	1.07%

Prices and yields appear daily in the Financial Times. The difference *between the 'offered' price (at which you buy units) and the* 'bid' price (at which you sell) is normally 6%. An initial charge of 5% is included in the offered price and an annual charge of up to 1% of each Fund's value – currently 1% for International Income and American & General and ¾% for International Growth – plus VAT is deducted from gross income. Income for Accumulation units is reinvested to increase their value and for Income units it is distributed net of basic-rate tax on the following dates:

	International Growth	International Income	American & General
Distributions	20 Mar 20 Sep	1 Jan 1 Dec	20 Mar 20 Sep
Applications required by for next distribution on	22 Jan '88 20 Mar '88	9 Oct '87 1 Dec '87	22 Jan '88 20 Mar '88

You can buy or sell units on any business day. Contracts for purchase or sale will be due for settlement two to three weeks later. Remuneration is payable to accredited agents; rates are available on request. The Trustee for International Income and American & General is Lloyds Bank Plc and for International Growth is *Barclays Bank Trust Co. Limited. These Funds are all* wider-range investments and are authorised by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

INVESTMENT FROM £1,000

To: M&G SECURITIES LIMITED, M&G HOUSE, VICTORIA ROAD, CHELMSFORD CM1 1FB.
Please invest the sum(s) indicated below in the Fund(s) of my choice **(minimum investment in each Fund: £1,000)** in **ACCUMULATION/INCOME** units (delete as applicable or Accumulation units will be issued for International Growth and American & General and income units will be issued for International Income) at the price ruling on receipt of this application. ***DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY.***

A contract note will be sent to you stating exactly how much you owe and the settlement date. Your certificate will follow shortly.

INT. GROWTH (MIN. £1,000)	£	·00
INT. INCOME (MIN. £1,000)	£	·00
AMERICAN & GEN. (MIN. £1,000)	£	·00

02 FULL FORENAME(S) (Mr/Mrs/Miss)

SURNAME

04 ADDRESS

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THE M&G GROUP

FAMILY MONEY/INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded return at tax rates 27%	45%	60%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS							
Ordinary Dep A/c[1]	3.75	3.79	2.86	2.08	1 min	0-7 day	—
Girobank	3.00	3.02	2.28	1.65	1 min	7 day	01-600 6020
Fixed Term Deposits:							
National Westminster	6.63	6.63	5.00	3.63	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-726 1000
" " "	7.00	7.00	5.27	3.84	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-726 1000
Midland	6.11	6.11	4.60	3.35	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-260 8000
" " "	6.68	6.68	5.03	3.66	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-260 8000
BUILDING SOCIETIES							
Ordinary A/c	5.00	5.06	3.81	2.77	1 min	—	—
Britannia[2]	7.15	7.15	5.39	3.92	250 min	—	—
Bradford & Bingley[2]	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	—	—
Cheltenham & Glouc[2]	7.75	7.75	5.84	4.25	5,000 min	—	—
Northern Rock[2]	8.05	8.05	6.07	4.41	10,000 min	—	—
Nationwide Non-Resid[2]	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	1 min	—	—
MONEY FUNDS							
Aitken Hume Monthly Inc	6.96	7.18	5.41	3.93	1,000 min	—	01-638 6070
Allied Arab HICA	7.34	7.59	5.72	4.16	3,000 min	—	01-629 6802
Bank Of Scotland	6.84	7.07	5.33	3.87	2,500 min	—	01-626 8060
Barclays High Rate Dep	6.75	6.92	5.22	3.79	1,000 min	—	01-626 1567
" " "	7.00	7.19	5.42	3.94	10,000 min	—	01-626 1567
Britannia High Interest	6.77	6.99	5.27	3.38	2,500 min	—	01-588 2777
Citibank Money Mkt Plus‡	6.50	6.70	5.04	3.58	2,000 min	—	01-741 4941
HFC Trust & Savings	7.50	7.64	5.76	4.19	5,000 min	—	01-236 6391
Henderson Cheque A/c	6.84	7.07	5.33	3.87	2,500 min	—	01-638 5757
L & G High Int Deposit	6.81	6.93	5.22	3.80	1,000 min	1 mth	01-388 3211
Lloyds Investment A/c‡[6]	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	5,000 min	3 mth	01-407 1000
Lloyds HICA‡	6.00	6.17	4.65	3.38	1,000 min	—	01-407 1000
M&G HICA	6.67	6.89	5.19	3.78	2,500 min	—	01-626 4588
Midland HICA	6.60	6.77	5.08	3.67	2,000 min	—	0742 52800
" "	7.00	7.19	5.42	3.94	10,000 min	—	0742 52800
Nat West Special Reserve	6.88	7.06	5.32	3.87	2,000 min	—	01-726 1000
" " "	7.00	7.19	5.42	3.94	10,000 min	—	01-726 1000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt	6.58	6.75	5.09	3.70	1,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
" " "	6.68	6.86	5.17	3.76	10,000 min	1 mth	01-236 9362
Phillips & Drew HICA	6.82	7.00	5.27	3.84	2,500 min	—	01-628 9771
Provincial Trust Chq A/c	7.53	7.80	5.88	4.27	1,000 min	—	061-8289011
Royal Bk Of Scot Prem A/c	6.77	6.95	5.24	3.81	2,500 min	—	031-5570201
S & P Classic	6.55	6.77	5.10	3.71	500 min	—	0708 66966
Schroder Wagg	6.40	6.59	4.97	3.61	2,500 min	—	0705 827733
Tyndall Call	6.98	7.16	5.39	3.92	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
Tyndall 7-day	6.88	7.05	5.31	3.86	2,500 min	—	0272 732241
UDT 7-day	6.86	7.04	5.30	3.86	5,000 min	7 day	01-626 4661
Western Trust	7.01	7.24	5.45	3.97	2,500 min	1 mth	0752 261161
NATIONAL SAVINGS							
Ordinary A/c[3]	6.00	6.17	4.65	3.38	1-10,000	8 day	041-6494555
Investment A/c*	10.00	7.30	5.50	4.00	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*	10.50	7.67	5.78	4.20	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
33rd Issue Cert[4]†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	25-1,000	8 day	091-3864900
Yearly Plan†	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	20-200/mth	14 day	091-3864900
General Extension Rate†	7.02	7.02	7.02	7.02			
Retail Price Index: Aug	102.1	102.1	102.1	102.1			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS							
FPS (Management) Ltd	9.10	9.10	7.46	6.10	1,000 min	1 yr	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	8.80	8.80	7.27	5.98	1,000 min	2 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	8.80	8.80	7.32	6.05	1,000 min	3 yrs	0992 30488
FPS (Management) Ltd	8.80	8.80	7.35	6.11	1,000 min	4 yrs	0992 30488
Canterbury Life	8.50	8.50	6.97	5.70	1,000 min	5 yrs	0227 457375
LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS[5]							
Kirklees	6.75	6.75	5.09	3.70	500 min	1 yr	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	2 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	3 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	4 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	5 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	6 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	7 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	8 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	9 yrs	01-407 2767
Bristol	7.50	7.50	5.65	4.11	1,000 min	10 yrs	01-407 2767
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS							
Sterling	8.89	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	6.01	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Yen	2.70	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	2.86	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	6.49	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	2.46	—	—	—	—	7 day	0481 26741

*Interest taxable, paid gross † Tax free ‡ Higher returns for larger balances [1] All major banks, other banks may differ [2] Societies chosen based on high street presence, higher rates can sometimes be obtained from smaller societies - contact Chase de Vere Moneyline 01-404 5766 [3] 3 per cent for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less [4] Additional holdings up to £5,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates [5] Liable to variation [6] Charge for instant access Research: Deborah Benn

KEY RATES

Retail Prices Index (August '86 to August '87)
+4.4

Mortgage rate*
11.25%

Bank base rate
10%

Bank prime overdraft rate*
13%-18% APR

Personal loan rate*
19.7% APR

Credit card rate*
23.8% APR

Hire purchase rate*[1]
28% APR

Bank deposit account
3.75%

Building society ordinary account
5%

High-interest cheque account*
6.80%

Holiday exchange rates*

Spanish peseta	195.75
French franc	9.79
Greek drachma	220
Italian lira	2120

* Typical rates
[1] £1,000 over 12 months
APR = annual percentage rate

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BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.50%
Adam & Company	10.00%
BCCI	10.00%
Consolidated Crds	10.00%
Co-operative Bank	10.00%
C. Hoare & Co	10.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	10.00%
Lloyds Bank	10.00%
Nat Westminster	10.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	10.00%
TSB	10.00%
Citibank NA	10.00%

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494				
Life Funds				
Squirrel	11.19	11.78	+0.01	.
Bear	12.89	13.57	-0.08	..
Owl	17.70	18.64	-0.13	..
Bull	15.64	16.47	-0.13	
Stag	15.51	16.33	-0.15	.
Gilt Edged		11.34	-0.11	
Deposit		10.48	+0.01	
Pensions				
Squirrel	12.31	12.96	+0.02	
Bear	15.01	15.80	-0.14	
Owl	22.38	23.56	-0.22	
Bull	18.98	19.98	-0.23	.
Stag	18.93	19.93	-0.23	..
Gilt Edged		11.91	-0.10	..
Deposit		11.13	+0.01	..
Exempt App Mgred	205.0	209.2	-1.63	..
ABBEY LIFE 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	220.4	232.1	+0.6	..
Do Accum	307.4	323.6	+0.7	..
Equity Fund Income	142.8	150.4	-1.8	..
Do Accum	158.0	166.4	-2.1	..
Selective Fund	295.0	310.6	-2.8	..
Money Fund	231.8	244.1	+0.4	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	241.3	254.0	+0.4	..
Equity Ser 4	154.7	162.8	-1.6	..
Man Ser 4	417.1	439.1	-4.8	..
Conv Ser 4	207.7	218.7	+0.3	..
Money Ser 4	207.6	218.6	+0.3	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	187.2	197.2	-1.9	..
American Ser 4	285.0	300.0	-4.8	..
High Inc Ser 4	414.5	436.4	+0.8	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	112.3	118.3	-1.3	..
Japan Ser 4	265.8	279.8	-8.2	..
ALBANY LIFE 3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	997.5	1049.9	-3.5	..
European Fd Accum	238.0	250.4	-1.1	..
Fixed Int Acc	307.5	323.6	-1.1	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	212.8	223.7	+0.2	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	379.5	399.4	-5.7	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	191.9	201.7	-1.9	..
Japan Fund	297.5	313.1	-7.2	..
Nth American Fd Acc	180.5	190.0	-6.8	..
Prop Fd Acc	225.0	236.8	+0.1	..
Multiple Inv Acc	648.9	683.0	-4.6	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL 0793-28291				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	234.9	247.3	+0.3	..
Equity Accum	829.3	873.0	-4.3	..
Property Accum	354.2	372.9	+2.6	..
Far East Accum	194.0	204.3	-4.9	..
Managed Capital	370.9	390.5	-1.5	..
Do Accum	620.4	653.1	-2.4	..
Overseas Accum	558.1	587.5	+1.2	..
Gilt Edged Accum	280.5	295.3	-1.4	..
Amer Equity Accum	402.6	423.8	-10.1	..
Amer Man Accum	188.8	198.8	-4.3	..
Amer Prop Accum	124.7	131.3	+0.2	..
BALTIC ASSURANCE 25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-493 9899				
Managed Growth	356.9	375.7	+1.79	..
Managed Income	164.4	173.1	+0.63	..
International	265.2	279.2	-0.80	..
High Income	242.2	255.0	+1.95	..
Income & Growth	321.5	338.4	+5.68	..
Basic Resource	141.1	148.5	-0.78	..
American	214.2	227.6	-8.71	..
Far Eastern	468.5	493.2	-8.80	..
Smaller Co's	307.8	324.0	+4.82	..
BARCLAYS LIFE 252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB 01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	617.6	650.2	-3.6	..
Do Initial	526.1	553.8	-3.1	..
Gilt Edged Accum	213.7	225.0	-1.6	..
Do Initial	183.6	193.3	-1.5	..
International Accum	301.6	317.5	-8.9	..
Do Initial	257.5	271.1	-8.0	..
Managed Accum	374.3	394.1	-3.7	..
Do Initial	320.2	337.1	-3.0	..
Money Accum	183.8	193.5		..
Do Initial	152.3	160.4		..
Property Accum	216.2	227.6		..
Do Initial	183.1	192.8		..
America Accum	193.6	203.8	-4.4	..
Do Initial	168.1	177.0	-3.8	..
Australia Accum	251.0	264.3	+2.0	..
Do Initial	218.5	230.0	+1.7	..
Financial Accum	283.2	298.2	-1.2	..
Do Initial	246.0	259.0	-1.0	..
500 Accum	331.3	348.8	-0.5	..
Do Initial	283.7	298.7	-0.3	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	397.9	418.9	-10.9	..
Do Initial 2	338.6	356.5	-9.3	..
Income Accum	335.6	353.3	-2.7	..
Do Initial	290.2	305.5	-2.3	..
Leisure Accum	209.4	220.5	-0.9	..
Special Sits Accum	195.2	205.5	-1.3	..
New Tech Accum	119.3	125.6	-2.4	..
Do Initial	106.0	111.6	-2.2	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE Mountbatten House Chatham 8 Kent ME4 4QF 0634 405161				
The Managed Fund		488.4	+0.6	..
Income Fund	483.8	509.3	+6.37	..
Extra Income Fund	451.1	474.8	+5.87	..
Worldwide Grwth Fd	388.2	408.6	-9.36	..
Balanced Fund	429.7	452.3	+5.56	..
Smllr Co's & Rc Fd	656.9	691.5	+16.01	..
Int Technology Fund	392.5	413.1	+4.02	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	251.9	265.1	-6.63	..
Energy Int Fund	149.3	157.2	+3.07	..
Pacific Basin Fund	333.2	350.8	-9.47	..
German Growth Fund	140.4	147.8	-9.41	..
Japan Growth Fd	179.6	189.1	-3.09	..
The UK Gth Fd	151.1	159.1	+1.74	..
Conti Euro Gth	110.0	115.8	-0.57	..
Property Fund	191.3	201.4	+0.19	..
Fixed Interest Fund	193.8	204.0	+2.07	..
Cash Fund	178.7	188.0	+0.19	..
Managed Inv Fund	311.1	327.5	+0.22	..
CANADA LIFE 2-6 High St, Potters Bar, Herts P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth		194.8		
Managed	213.7	225.0	-1.8	..
Property	134.1	141.2	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	139.9	147.1	-0.8	..
Index-Linked	112.3	118.3	+0.2	..
Equity	253.3	266.7	-1.9	..
Cash	144.1	151.7	+0.4	..
Midland Bk UT	236.2	249.1	-2.8	..
Midland Bk Ins	264.1	287.4	-4.3	..
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Equity Units		£34.52	-1.23	..
Property Units		£24.68	..	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£40.88	43.26	-0.59	..
2nd Equity Accum	434.2	459.5	-5.5	
2nd High Inc/Accum	384.3	408.7	-4.0	
2nd Property Accum	233.3	246.9	..	
2nd Managed 2 Acc	114.2	120.9	+1.1	
2nd Managed Acc	289.5	306.3	-4.2	
2nd Managed 4 Acc	120.4	127.4	-1.2	
2nd Deposit Accum	183.1	193.8	..	
2nd Gilt Accum	184.4	195.1	-2.3	
2nd Amer Accum	261.8	277.0	-4.0	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	194.0	205.3	-0.3	
2nd Index Accum	108.1	114.4	-2.3	..
2nd Far East Accum	253.0	267.7	-9.8	..
2nd Global Accum	113.7	120.3	-0.8	..
2nd Euro Accum	111.2	117.7	-0.2	..
2nd Japan Accum	135.1	143.0	-4.3	..
2nd Heritage Acc	102.7	108.7	..	..
2nd Intl Curr Bond	89.8	95.0	-0.3	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd. Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA 0908-606101				
Property Fund	132.0	139.0	..	..
Money Fund	238.0	250.6	+0.2	..
Managed Fund	509.1	535.9	+1.6	..
Equity Fund	388.0	408.5	+5.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	154.0	162.2	+2.1	..
Far East Fund	266.7	280.8	-2.9	..
Nth Amer Fund	182.0	191.6	-3.7	..
Nat Resources Fund	234.5	246.9	-1.5	..
Alexandra Fund	137.5	144.8	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566				
Assurance Funds				
Mixed	176.2	185.5	-0.3	..
Equity	227.4	239.4	-0.7	..
Property	125.9	132.6	+0.8	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	116.8	123.0	-0.7	..
Indexed Secs	95.5	100.6	-1.8	..
Cash	112.3	118.3	+0.1	..
Nth American	124.8	131.4	-0.3	..
Far East	171.2	180.3	-2.7	..
International	150.2	158.2	-0.2	..
Special Sits	215.8	227.2	-1.2	..
Intl Income	186.4	196.3	-0.1	..
European	181.4	191.0	+0.7	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	180.4	189.9	-0.4	.
Equity	210.4	221.5	-0.3	..
Property	125.4	132.0	+0.6	.
Gilt & Fixed Int	126.6	133.3	-1.0	..
Index Linked	99.6	104.9	-2.1	..
Cash	125.9	132.6	+0.2	.
Nth American	135.9	143.1	-0.6	..
Far East Acc	202.4	213.1	-5.5	..
International Acc	174.1	183.3	-1.4	..
Special Sits	272.3	286.7	-2.2	..
European Flex	221.9	233.6	+0.6	..
Cash	112.3	118.3	+0.1	..
Nth American	124.8	131.4	-0.3	..
Far East	171.2	180.3	-2.7	..
International	150.2	158.2	-0.2	.
Special Sits	215.8	227.2	-1.2	..
Intl Income	186.4	196.3	-0.1	.
American Inc	122.4	128.9	+0.1	..
European	181.4	191.0	+0.7	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD 01-248 9863				
CML U Ass Key		183.65	+1.57	..
CML U Ass Pacemkr		246.63	+1.43	..
CML U Ass Cash	132.0	139.0	.	..
CML U Ass Equity	360.5	379.5	..	..
CML U Ass FI	187.7	197.6	..	..
CML U Ass Mngd	266.0	280.0	..	..
CML U Ass Prop	316.6	333.3	..	..
CML(Pen)Cash Cap	132.9	139.9	..	..
CML(Pen)Cash Inv	150.9	158.8	..	..
CML(Pen)Eqty Cap	689.7	726.0	..	..
CML(Pen)Eqty Inv	783.0	824.3	..	..
CML(Pen)Fxd Cap	211.9	223.1	..	..
CML(Pen)Fxd Inv	240.6	253.3	..	..
CML(Pen)Indx Cap	126.5	133.2	..	..
CML(Pen)Indx Inv	143.6	151.2	..	..
CML(Pen)Man Cap	389.1	409.6	..	..
CML(Pen)Man Inv	441.8	465.1	..	..
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 01-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)		390.92	..	..
Var Ann (5)		72.21	..	..
Prime- Managed	290.3	305.6	-3.6	..
Prime- UK Equity	343.5	361.6	-2.6	..
Prime- Intl Equity	235.7	248.2	-3.8	..
Prime- Property	132.0	139.0	+0.5	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	144.8	152.5	-1.8	.
Prime- Index-Linked	97.7	102.9	-1.5	..
Prime- Cash	128.4	135.2	+0.1	.
CONFEDERATION LIFE 50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE 01-242 0282				
Managed Fund	773.0	813.6	.	..
Equity Fund	£11.37	11.97	..	..
PIP Fund		£32.468		..
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	386.9	407.2	-2.9	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	228.5	240.5	+1.0	..
Life Equity Accum	514.3	541.3	-4.1	..
Life Money Accum	187.4	197.2	+0.2	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	540.6	569.0	-1.1	..
Life Intl Accum	409.6	431.1	-7.8	..
Life High Inc Accum	517.6	544.0	-1.1	..
Life Property Accum	188.2	198.1	+4.1	..
Crown Brit Inv A	641.4	771.6		..
Crown Equity	802.7	844.9	-9.3	..
DBS Managed	235.1	247.4	+0.4	..
Growth Accum	278.5	293.1	+0.9	..
CRUSADER INSURANCE Reigate Surrey RH2 8BL 07372 42424				
Measured perf	113.2	119.8	-0.6	.
Performance Plus	112.3	118.8	-1.2	.
With Profit Perf	103.4	109.4	+0.3	..
UK Opportunity	140.9	149.1		
Euro Opportunity	115.7	122.4	-1.6	.
North Amer Opp	100.4	106.2	-2.1	..
Far East Opp	117.6	124.8	-1.6	.
Gth Prop Series 1	146.4	154.1		
Gth Prop Series 2	104.1	110.2	+1.1	..
Fixed Int	100.4	106.2	-0.1	..
Cash	100.7	106.6	+0.1	..
Managed Pens	384.1	387.5	..	..
Overseas	96.9	102.5	-1.0	..
EAGLE STAR INSURANCE Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	108.4	114.2	..	..
Blue Chip Fund	154.6	162.8	-1.5	..
Adventurous Fund	184.3	194.1	-2.5	..
Performance Fund	185.2	195.0	-2.5	..
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND 1 Threadneedle St, London EC2 01-588 1212				
Eagle/Midland Units	217.8	225.7	-3.4	3.74
EQUITY & LAW Amersham Road, High Wycombe 0494 33377				
UK Equities Fund	577.4	607.7	-4.6	..
Higher Income Fund	573.5	603.6	-2.8	..
Property Fund	293.3	308.7	+0.3	..
Fixed Interest Fund	244.6	257.4	-1.7	..
Index-Linked Scs Fd	102.0	107.3	-1.1	..
Gtd Deposit Fund	185.1	194.8	+0.3	..
Nth America Fund	263.2	277.0	-3.3	..
Far East Fund	337.8	355.5	-10.7	..
Europe Fund	234.6	246.9	-6.5	..
International Fund	330.8	348.2	-10.2	..
Mixed Fund	403.8	424.8	-4.1	..
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 336242				
Managed (Mixed)	186.0	193.8	-2.8	..
UK Equity	237.5	250.0	-2.0	..
Stewardship	242.2	255.0	-2.0	..
Overseas Equity	186.6	196.7	-2.7	..
North American	99.2	104.5	-3.0	..
Pacific Basin	108.5	114.3	-2.5	..
European	111.2	117.1	-1.6	..
Property	147.1	154.9	+0.1	..
Fixed Interest	129.8	136.7	-1.3	..
Index Linked	100.2	105.0	-1.1	..
Cash	124.2	130.8	+0.1	..
GT MANAGEMENT 16 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7DJ 01-628 8131				
GT Plan Bond Fund	176.7	186.1	-1.2	..
GT Plan High Yield	254.4	267.8	+0.6	..
GT Plan Far East	256.8	280.4	+4.7	..
GT Plan North Amer	146.0	153.7	-3.7	..
GT Plan UK & GE	358.2	377.1	-1.1	..
GT Plan Worldwide	323.2	340.3	-4.0	..
GENERAL ACCIDENT LINKED LIFE 20/24 Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR9 5BS 01-686 0411				
Managed	140.9	148.3	-0.6	..
UK Equity	204.1	214.8	+0.2	..
Fixed Int	116.0	122.1	-1.1	..
Index-Linked	95.3	100.3	-1.9	..
Cash Deposit	111.2	117.1	+0.2	..
Property	115.4	121.5	+0.1	..
International	121.1	127.5	-1.4	..
American	97.1	102.2	-1.0	..
Japan	142.0	149.5	-4.8	..
Japan Smllr Co's	137.0	144.2	-0.9	..
European	118.8	122.8	-1.3	..
Pacific Fund	126.9	133.6	+2.0	..
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE Crossbrook St, Cheshunt Herts 0992 31971				
Portfolio Fd Acc		544.5	-1.8	..
Do Init		383.9	-1.8	..
Do Inv a	544.4	573.1	-1.9	..
UK Equity	311.9	328.4	+0.7	..
Oseas Equity	162.5	171.1	-3.0	..
Smaller Cos	186.7	196.6	..	..
Gilt Plus	123.7	130.3	+0.1	..
Do 88	124.3	130.9	+0.1	..
Fixed Int Dep	117.9	124.2	+0.2	..
Managed	220.9	232.7	-0.7	..
Inter Man	179.1	188.7	-2.1	..
GRESHAM UNIT 2-6, Prince of Wales Road, Bournemouth 0202 762122				
Managed Bond	504.8	531.7	-1.7	..
Money Fund	197.9	208.4	+0.2	..
Equity Fund	472.9	498.3	+2.0	..
Fixed Interest Fund	149.3	157.3	-1.0	..
Property Fund	235.7	248.4	..	..
Gresham Framlington				
American & General	290.3	305.9	-1.4	..
Income	515.3	534.0	-5.1	..
International Grwth	335.7	353.7	-3.3	..
Capital Fund	559.5	589.5	-0.9	..
Recovery Fund	398.7	420.1	-2.5	..
Japan & General	191.2	201.5	-5.2	..
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE Royal Exchange London EC3 01-283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	472.4	492.0	..	..
Managed Initial	390.1	410.6	-5.7	..
Do Accum	472.7	497.6	-6.7	..
Equity Initial	549.1	578.0	-7.0	..
Do Accum	665.4	700.4	-8.2	..
Fixed Int Initial	251.8	265.0	+1.4	..
Do Accum	305.1	321.2	+1.9	..
Intl Initial	431.2	453.8	-12.2	..
Do Accum	522.5	550.0	-14.6	..
Nth Amer Initial	154.6	162.8	-1.3	..
Do Accum	170.5	179.5	-1.4	..
Pacific Initial	265.2	279.2	+1.5	..
Do Accum	289.9	305.0	+1.8	..
Property Initial	154.9	163.0	..	..
Do Accum	187.6	197.4	..	..
Index-Linked Initial	94.8	99.7	-2.3	..
Do Accum	104.5	110.0	-2.5	..
Deposit Initial	142.6	150.1	+0.1	..
Do Accum	172.8	181.9	+0.2	..
Euro Initial	99.6	105.0	-0.6	..
Do Accum	101.7	107.0	-0.6	..
Unit Linked Insr Inc	99.8	105.0	-0.6	..
Do Accum	101.7	107.0	-0.6	..
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION 26, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1DA 01-638 5757				
High Income Fund	379.1	400.2	+1.4	..
Gilt Edged Fund	90.3	95.4	+1.1	..
Capital Growth Inc	378.0	399.0	+2.1	..
Technology Fund	192.6	203.3	-1.2	..
Natural Resources	195.9	206.8	+1.4	..
Special Situations	341.2	360.2	-2.9	..
North America Fund	229.5	242.3	-5.9	..
Far East Fund	423.7	447.2	-4.6	..
Managed Fund	381.7	402.9	+1.7	..
Deposit Fund	144.3	151.9	+0.1	..
Prime Residential	164.8	173.5	+0.2	..
Property Fund	294.5	310.1	+1.0	..
Managed Currency	108.3	114.4	+0.9	..
Global Health Care	158.9	167.8	-1.9	..

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Share crush

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Four new trusts

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Chain-breaker

Legal & General has introduced a chain-breaking facility, in conjunction with relocation specialists Homequity, for anyone with an L&G endowment mortgage plan selling through one of its registered agents.

Cash with a conscience

Ethics has suddenly become big investment business and an increasing number of institutions is determined to help you satisfy your conscience, while at the same time providing you with the prospect of making money.

PETER GARTLAND explains

If you are what the marketing men call an AB empty-nester or a mid-life yuppie, the scope for conscience investment is widening all the time. It also helps if you are the sort of investor who shuns South African avocados in the supermarket and would never put money into an armaments company.

Until now the range of ethical investment opportunities available to unit trust investors has been confined to two funds, one managed by Friends' Provident and the other by Buckmaster and Moore.

Suddenly the market has started to blossom. Today Abbey Life launches its Ethical Trust and next week N.M. Schroder Unit Trust Managers will be unveiling its N.M. Conscience Fund. Dominian Investment Management has also taken the wraps off a new personal equity plan that will concentrate on ethical investment.

It used to be said that what is good for General Motors is good for America. Abbey Life has turned this bit of homespun philosophy on its head by saying companies that are good for society are also good for investors.

The theme of Abbey's Ethical Trust is "pure performance". This reflects Abbey's view that companies conducting their business in a socially responsible manner are likely to perform well and thus provide excellent investment opportunities.

Frost, of Abbey Life, left: mainly UK. Sampson, of N.M. Schroder: looking at records

Abbey's investment director Alan Frost will be looking for companies operating in the health care, environmental protection, safety, security and housing sectors. Funds will be invested mainly in the UK, but also internationally in companies that show concern for the environment.

Companies plagued by poor industrial relations, which do not utilize fully the skills of their employees, are unlikely to perform well in the longer term. The Ethical Trust will seek to invest in "equal opportunity" companies and those that believe in harmony, not confrontation.

The no-go areas are companies with major interests in fields such as armaments and tobacco, those involved in "the thoughtless exploitation of natural resources", companies linked with undemocratic or oppressive regimes and those that are domiciled in South Africa or have major interests there. Abbey does not exclude the possibility of investment in companies that have peripheral interests in South Africa.

Abbey intends to monitor its own investment strategy by appointing an advisory board of four to six "respected people from the community" who are committed to the philosophy of the fund.

The N.M. Schroder Conscience, which is to be officially launched next week, is an international growth fund. N.M. Schroder's managing director Ian Sampson says he will be looking to invest in companies that have a good record on matters such as industrial relations, the environment, racial equality and equal opportunities for women.

Companies whose profits come mainly from the manufacture of armaments, tobacco and alcohol are ruled out.

However, Mr Sampson concedes there are grey areas, especially among distributors. "If Tesco started selling sub-machine-guns, I don't know what we'd do," he says.

At this stage it is not possible to quantify the likely performance of these new ethical investment vehicles. But the precedents are encouraging.

Take, for example, the Buckmaster Fellowship Trust, which was launched in July 1986 by the fund management arm of Crédit Suisse, Buckmaster and Moore. The stated aim of the fund is long-term capital appreciation through an ethical investment policy that avoids gambling, tobacco, alcohol, armaments and South Africa.

Since its launch, the Buckmaster fund has attracted £5 million from around 900 unitholders. At the moment the fund is 75 per cent invested in the UK with major stakes in AAH Holdings (fuel distribution, pharmaceuticals), W. Canning (specialist chemicals) and Baggeridge Brick (high quality bricks). The 25 per cent overseas content in the Buckmaster fund presently consists of Japan (10 per cent), the United States and France (7 per cent each) and West Germany (1 per cent).

Of even more importance to investors is the performance, which shows an offer-to-bid (money in, money out) gain of almost 50 per cent since launch 14 months ago.

The Dominian Ethical Personal Equity Plan will have a 25 per cent exposure to the Buckmaster Fellowship Trust. The other 75 per cent of the Ethical PEP will be invested in "ethical" companies selected by Buckmaster and Moore.

The £60 million Friends' Provident Stewardship Unit Trust, launched more than three years ago, also has an impressive track record. Investment is concentrated in UK companies whose products and operations are of long-term benefit to the community both at home and abroad.

According to OPAL Statistics, a £1,000 investment in the Stewardship Fund over the three-year period to September 1, 1987, would now be worth £2,696.

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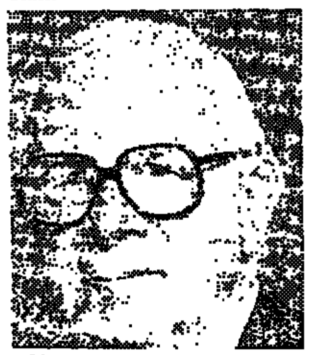
CAMIFA is the Campaign for Independent Financial Advice and it is sponsored by 14 leading life companies, including Clerical Medical, Norwich Union and Standard Life.

CAMIFA's aim is to convince the British public that they will get the best financial advice on life assurance, pensions and unit trusts from an independent intermediary, and yesterday it went on the offensive by attacking the high street banks, with the exception of National Westminster, over their decision to offer only the retail financial products of a single company through their branches.

This will not fulfil the investors' right to the best financial advice available, claims CAMIFA.

It is an attack that Barclays, Lloyds and Midland reject. Although they have already made their decision to use their branches as company representative offices, they are also planning to offer independent financial advice through separate subsidiary companies operating from different premises and with different staff.



Sir Richard Powell: "doubt"

Nevertheless, the CAMIFA chairman, Sir Richard Powell, maintains that recent developments, not only among three of the big banks, but also by the Abbey National Building Society in its link-up with Friends' Provident Life Office, will muddy the water and work against the consumer's best interests.

Sir Richard points out that if those financial institutions that had elected to become tied agents were totally confident that this was the correct route, they would have put all their eggs in one basket. "As it is, one senses doubt in their mind," he says.

While NatWest's decision to use its branches as outlets for independent financial advice comes in for praise from Sir Richard, he is planning to lobby the Securities and Investmemts Board, the Office of Fair Trading and the Department of Trade in a bid to prevent further attacks on what he sees as the consumer's right to receive independent advice.

One point on which Sir Richard and his CAMIFA colleagues need to be clear is whether they are in the business of damage limitation or are prepared to push for the much more controversial ambition of undoing of what has already been done.

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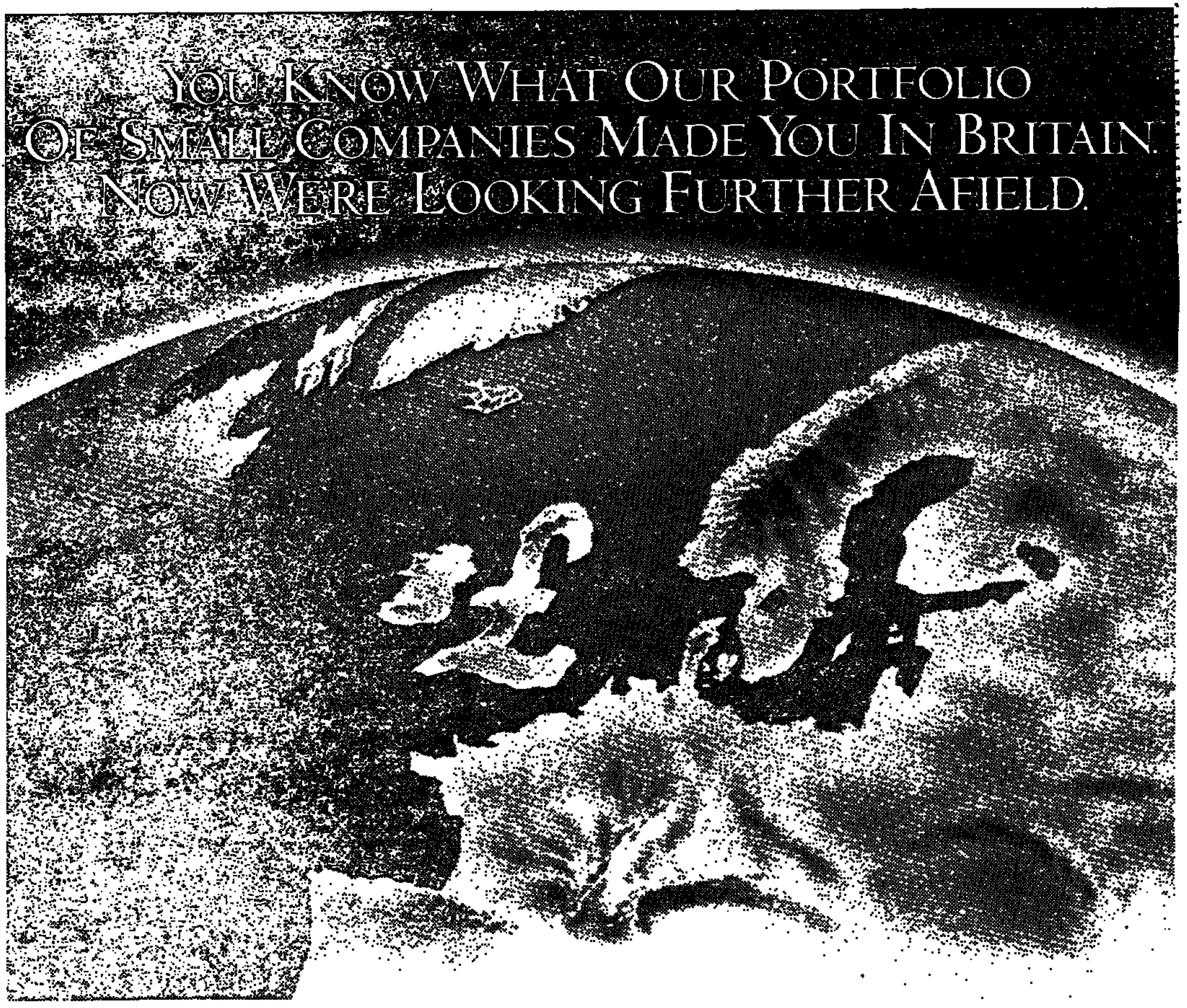

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BENEFITS

It is becoming increasingly difficult for people to receive dole money or any unemployment-related benefit following recent social security changes, says CHARLES JACKSON

If an unemployment benefit (UB) claimants were considered to be "voluntarily unemployed" — that is, dismissed from work because of some form of industrial misconduct, or because they left a job voluntarily "without just cause" — they used not to be entitled to UB for six weeks.

Their supplementary benefit (SB) could also be reduced by 40 per cent for the same period.

Those rules were operated until October last year, when the Government extended the disqualification period to 13 weeks.

In the past SB claimants were entitled to have their mortgage interest payments met in full by the DHSS. From January 26 this year all new SB claimants under the age of 60 became entitled to only half their mortgage interest for the first 16 weeks of the claim.

There was also the UB 671. This is a new quiz by which all claimants for UB are required to complete an "available for work" questionnaire. Depending on the answers given, and the way in which they are interpreted by the benefit officer, the claimant may or may not be entitled to UB.

More recently the Government announced its determination to ensure that SB will be withdrawn for unemployed school-leavers who refuse to accept a place on a government training scheme. At least 100,000 school leavers are expected to be affected.

So how can unemployed people protect their benefit positions? One of the most important defences is to know how to complete the UB 671 to best advantage.

The UB 671 comprises several questions designed to ensure that the claimant is genuinely available for work and therefore entitled to benefit. The following are some of the main questions.

● **What are you doing to find work?** A negative answer will mean the claim is automatically rejected. If you have applied for jobs, take copies of your applications with you when you go to complete the form. If you have applied by telephone or in person, take a note of the name of the company and, if possible, the name of the person to whom you spoke.

If you are very recently unemployed and have not had much chance to apply for jobs, explain that you check your job centre advertisements daily and have been reading the advertisements in local and national newspapers.

The unemployed: For them the rules are tighter now

● **What work do you normally do, what work are you looking for, and are you willing to consider any other jobs?** Obviously, if you are highly qualified or very experienced in a particular trade or profession, it is reasonable to state that this is the work for which you are looking. Even so, it is best to say that you are willing to *consider* other jobs — especially if you do not have any formal qualifications or experience in the type of job you are looking for. Even if you are highly qualified — which makes it reasonable to hold out for the job you want — this protection cannot last indefinitely and, after a reasonable time, you will be expected to accept an offer of work which is less appropriate.

● **Can you start work today?** If possible you should say you can. However, it may be that this is complicated by the fact that at the moment you are caring for children or for a disabled or elderly person, or you are engaged in voluntary work. One of the questions on the form actually asks if you have children or elderly people to look after during working hours and, if so, whether you can make alternative arrangements immediately for their care. Although the form does not actually say so, if you can make alternative arrangements within 24 hours you will still be entitled to UB.

● **Are you looking for full-time work?** You may also be asked whether you are prepared to work unsocial hours. You should answer "yes" to the full-time question and say you are willing to consider working at night or at weekends. Don't forget that the Sex Discrimination Act 1986 has abolished bans on women working at night, so there is no longer any statutory protection on working hours for women.

● **How far are you able to travel to work?** Don't give a specific mileage and don't say you want to limit your travel to the confines of your home town. Simply say you are willing to consider any work within a reasonable travel-to-work-distance.

● **What was your weekly wage or salary in your last job and what is the minimum wage or salary you are willing to take?** Note these are in gross terms. This can be a difficult question. If you are qualified for a special trade or profession, you should check the average salary being offered in local papers for your area. Put that down as the approximate amount you would be prepared to accept.

If your minimum acceptable salary is higher than what you were paid in your last job, you could lose benefit unless you have been unemployed for a long time and you have added an extra amount to allow for inflation. If this is the case, say so.

If you think any of your answers to the above questions are likely to be doubted or misconstrued by benefit officers, give a full explanation of your circumstances on the form. In all cases, do your homework before you visit the benefit office and don't forget you have the right to insist on taking the form home to fill in.

Always remember that you are entitled to UB but you have to give the right answers to receive it.

More money hours at the Midland

■ From November 2 the Midland Bank is extending its opening hours at 56 key branches located in larger towns throughout the country.

Instead of closing at 3.30pm, the doors will remain open until 5pm and, where Saturday opening is available, the branch will close at 3.30pm, as opposed to 12.30pm at present.

In addition, the bank intends to have one late night a week to coincide with shopping hours in a number of branches. Midland has not yet decided which branches will offer this service.

A limited service will be provided during the extended hours of business. There will be no cashiers but customers will be able to withraw and pay in money at AutoCash and AutoDeposit machines. Clerical staff will be able to discuss loans and mortgages, order foreign currency and travellers' cheques and open accounts.

The extended hours of business will be for personal customers only.

■ **Only an actuary could develop a computer model to project the number of deaths from Aids 12 years hence. But that is exactly what Professor David Wilkie has done, and a depressing conclusion he has drawn too.**

Professor Wilkie has used various assumptions for his calculations but his most pessimistic projection is that the *number of* deaths from Aids in the UK in 1999 will be more than 56,000. That contrasts with a projection of only 317 for 1987. The good news (if that's what it is) is that the number of deaths from Aids is projected to decline from the year 2000 onwards.

The key to avoiding premium increases for policyholders is careful underwriting by life companies, say the actuaries. They also highlight the problems of life cover being offered directly through newspapers, or mailshots based on answers to a limited number of questions. Insurers may need to become more wary in their acceptance of this type of business, according to the Institute of Actuaries.

■ This morning the 46,000 investors who have money in one or more of the 14 funds run by County Unit Trust Managers will receive a letter from MIM Britannia, the new owners and managers of the funds.

The sale of the County unit trusts to MIMB for £41.5 million was announced only on Thursday and results from a decision by County's parent, the National Westminster Bank, to take the independent advice route once the new Financial Services Act comes fully into force.

This required NatWest to sell its unit trust subsidiary.

What does it mean for County's unitholders? Depending on which fund they have money in, they might find it will be merged into MIMB's comparable fund.

But County unitholders should not take any drastic action at this stage even if they have not come across MIMB before. MIMB is a major player in the unit trust market and its purchase of the County funds will place it among the six biggest unit trust groups.

Longer term, unitholders who invested in County should keep a close eye on performance but that is something all unit trust investors should be doing anyway.

■ **Chase De Vere Investments has launched a new unit trust telephone information service. A three-minute pre-recorded tape gives details of all the new launches and offers now available. There is no registration or enrolment fee for the service, just the cost of the telephone call.**

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■ A further piece in the financial services jig-saw was put into place this week with publication of the LAUTRO rule book.

LAUTRO — the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation — is one of five proposed self-regulating organizations (SROs) under the Financial Services Act. Its task will be to police the life assurance and unit trust industries on a day-to-day basis.

The LAUTRO rule book sets out how it aims to safeguard investors' interests by ensuring high standards in areas such as selling practices, advertising, commission and product disclosure.

It will now be up to the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), the Government-appointed chief regulator of financial services, to decide whether the LAUTRO rule book is likely to achieve its aim.

Sir Gordon Borrie's Office of Fair Trading will also be looking at the LAUTRO rule book to make sure it does not restrict competition excessively.

Even if the SIB and Office of Fair Trading approve the rule book there are still areas of disagreement between LAUTRO and the Association of British Insurers, which represents the major insurance companies. LAUTRO's chief executive Malcolm Reid says the differences are not "things we would go passionately into battle over" but there were a handful of major issues still to be resolved.

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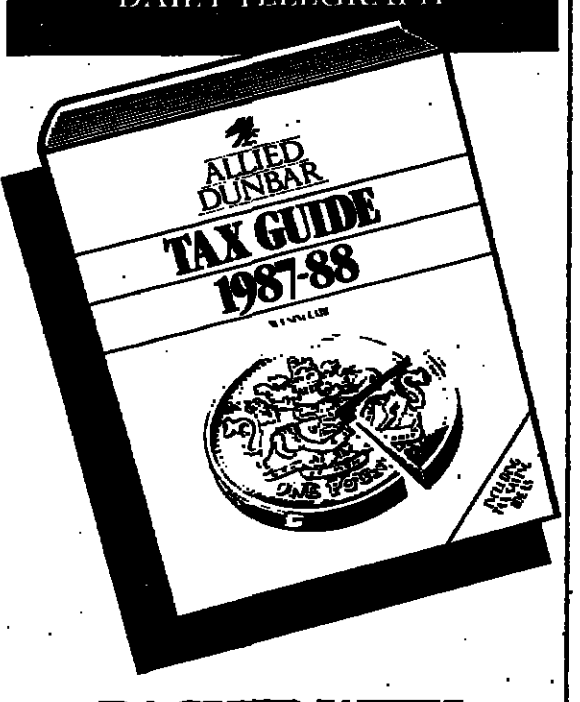

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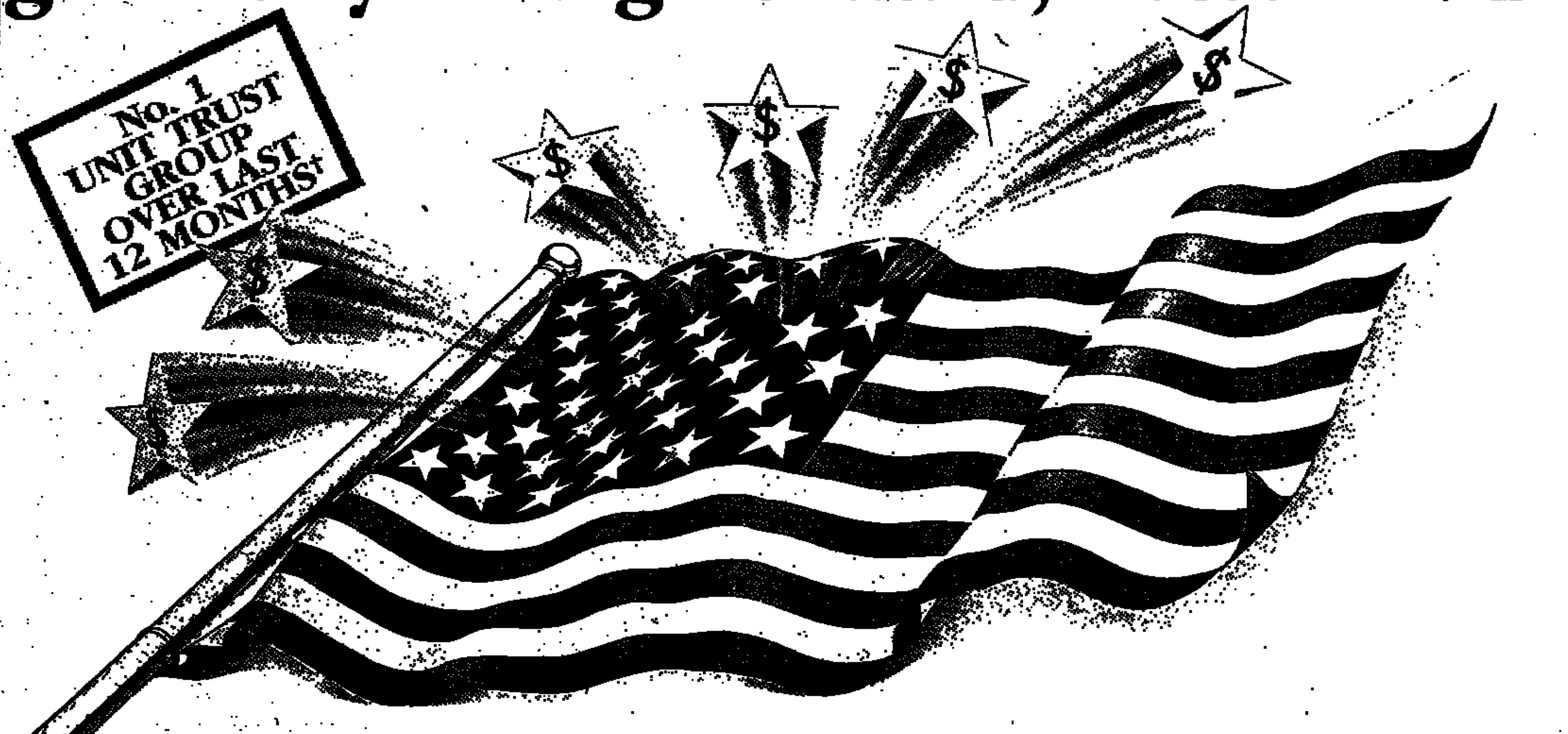
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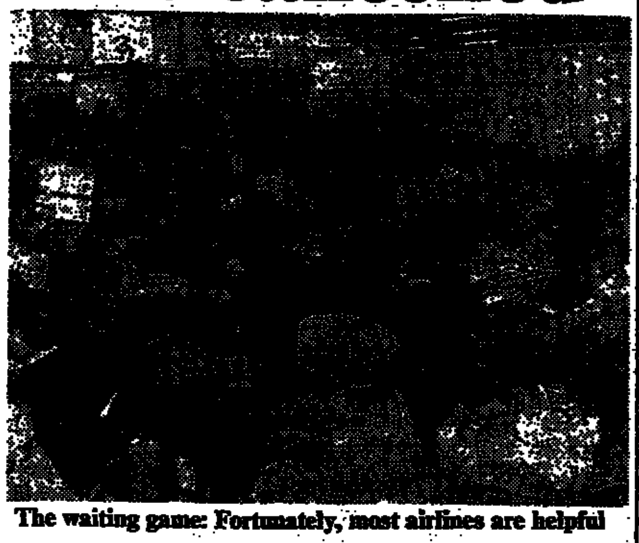

The waiting game: Fortunately, most airlines are helpful

The holidaymakers who got stuck in a traffic jam on the M62 and then missed their flights from Manchester airport last Sunday showed just how careful you have to be. They not only lost their flights — they also found their holiday insurance policies did not cover them for traffic jams.

The insurance industry's general view is that delays through accidents, unforeseeable breakdowns and faulty public transport are covered, but that traffic jams, as in this case, can be avoided if the journey to the airport is planned properly. And so far it seems that the disappointed holidaymakers have no claim under their policies even though the offending M62 roadworks were apparently not announced in advance.

The Manchester experience may be rare, but holidaymakers' perennial complaint about cancelled and delayed return flights often arises, especially during high season. Here, too, passengers are surprisingly unaware of their rights, or lack of them.

The bare legal position is that the airline must arrange for passengers booked on scheduled flights to be carried on the earliest available flight, but it is not bound by its contract with customers to lay on accommodation if the cancellation or delay causes an overnight wait.

These disruptions inevitably infuriate passengers but no amount of ranting, foot-stamping and table-thumping can change the precise legal position of the contract.

On the brighter side, the worried holidaymaker should be told that airlines almost always do the honourable thing. They usually regard their passengers as valued guests and provide them with hotel rooms.

Of course, refusal to act in this way would generate undesirable publicity. The airport management also encourages airlines to look after their passengers at night as it wants to clear its terminals, largely to avoid fire hazards.

There is, however, the outside possibility that an airline will just refuse. So where does that place the passenger?

Unfortunately, he has to grin and bear it and tackle the airline after getting home.

The Consumers' Association, Britain's unofficial watchdog on practically everything, is known to have got these issues down to a fine art.

The association advises the conservative approach of a stiff letter to the airline demanding compensation or reimbursement of hotel expenses. If this should fail, it advises a complaint to the Air Transport Users' Committee, which often unnerves a defaulting airline. As a last resort it says passengers could go to the civil courts with a compensation claim.

Elizabeth Bernstein, at the Consumers' Association, agrees that the passenger is now in a "grey area". Too few British court cases on the subject have been heard to establish a pattern.

It is likely that the plaintiff would have little success if the cancellation or delay was due to circumstances outside the airline's control, such as foul weather or a mechanical breakdown, but the chances are much better if the cause was within the company's control, such as overbooking, or even a cabin staff strike.

Package holiday people, of course, are in a somewhat different position; their contract is with the tour operator that charters the flights. In cases of default their argument must be with the tour operator — whose argument, in turn, would be with the airline.

Two happier stories give some comfort.

A single passenger was the victim of a delay. The airline, Alitalia, not knowing how long the hold-up would be, sent him to a hotel for the night. He was given a splendid dinner, then told that his flight could receive him.

A couple at Rome's main airport were told their Ethiopian Airlines flight to London was cancelled. They were put on standby for an alternative British Airways flight. After a few tense hours they were put on the BA aeroplane and flown to London in club class!

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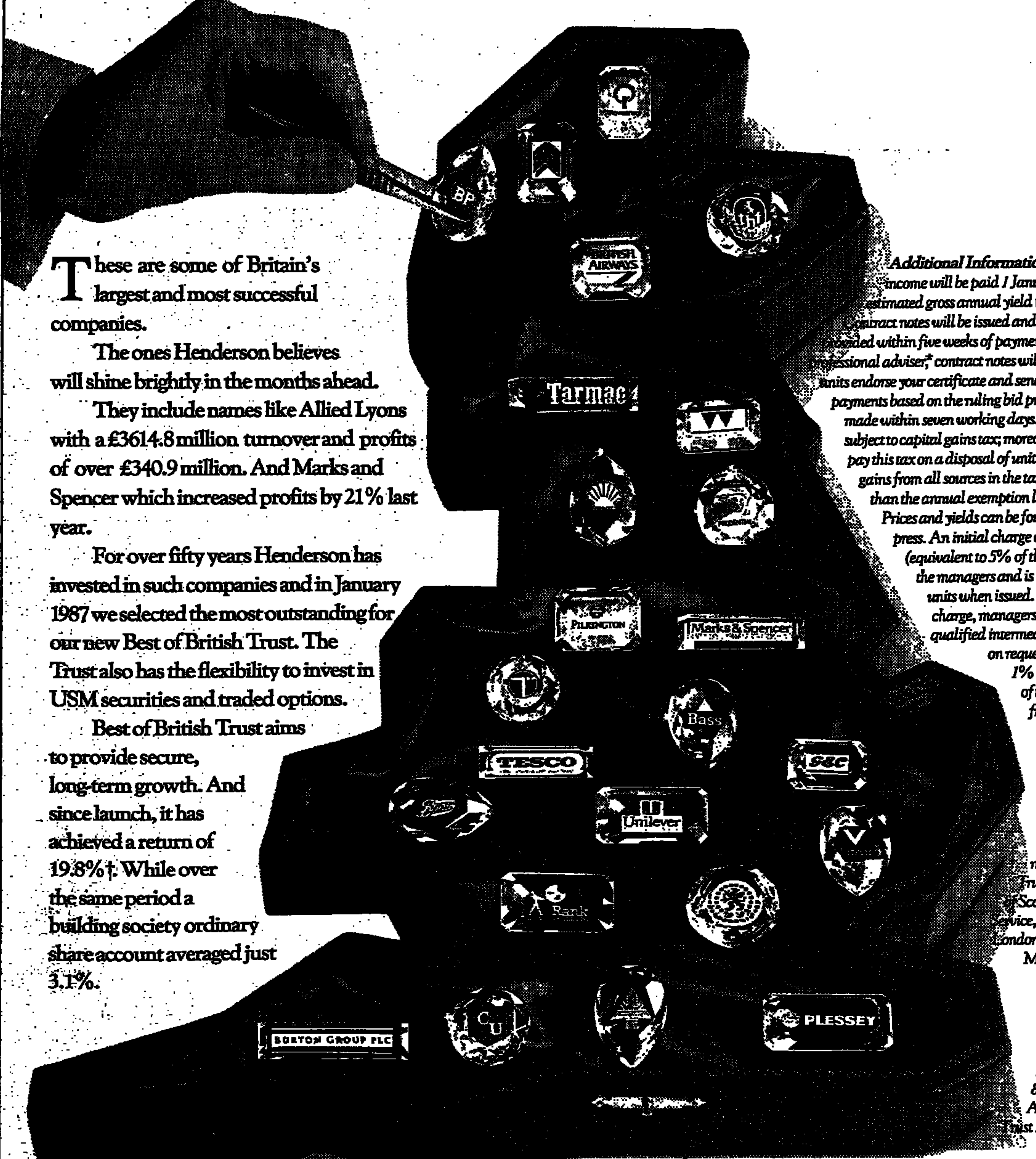

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Fine wines for drinking or investment? The sales get under way this month

A taste for the sales

WINE

The new wine sale season opens this month with major auctions and encouraging *opportunities in several* sectors. This follows two rather erratic years for the fine wine market.

The 1984 clarets at Christie's sale on July 13 found very limited demand. Only 26 of the 140 lots were sold.

The 1983s are underpriced and wines from the Margaux commune are noticeably picking up.

However, it may be best to postpone purchasing both 1982 and 1983 as there could be plentiful stocks once the first Business Expansion Scheme holdings start to be released from April 1988.

There has been little price movement in 1981 claret, but the Pomerols are popular. Prices for the light, flowery 1980 are falling away.

The 1978s are, however, "grossly undervalued", *according to Paul Bowker*, Christie's overseas wine sales manager. They are robust wines with a good future. Christie's offers 14 estates on September 17.

For drinking, good value can be obtained in both the 1976 and 1979 Bordeaux. Sell 1975 as most are tannic with inadequate acidity.

The exception is Château La Mission Haut Brion, which *is securing* £650 to £700 per dozen bottles.

Hold on to 1970, where the prices are again rising. Château *Mouton-Rothschild had* dipped to between £500 and £540 per dozen bottles in early 1986 but has now gone back to *£600-£630*.

Smaller quantities and many mixed lots are attractively offered by Phillips at 39 Park End Street, Oxford, on September 22, with a limited tasting from 11am.

Fine burgundy is a small but important market and forms the major part of Sotheby's sale on September 23. The tasting starts at 9.45am.

Two vintages that are undervalued

The stock was bottled in Belgium and is available under bond.

After the high prices of 1985 Hospices de Beaune, there is good auction demand for 1978 (such as La Tâche £800-£1,000 per dozen bottles and Romanée-Conti £2,000-£3,000) and good value for the 1976. Chambolle-Musigny Clair-Daû from 1976 makes only £12 to £15 per bottle.

Vintage port is the second most important wine at auction. The 1983s are coming under the hammer now for £120 to £130 per dozen bottles (£175-plus through a merchant).

The 1980 is more for drinking than investment. The two undervalued vintages for ap*preciation are 1970, according* to Mr Bowker.

Both these port years have style. At £160 to £190 the 1977 *looks well worth* a purchase. For an extra £20 to£30 per case, the more mature 1970 can be obtained to balance an inventory.

The classic 1963s will continue upwards, already £340-plus, and Taylor on £420 to £460, but there is little movement in 1960, which is showing its age, or the 1966, which is almost the same price as a year ago.

For current drinking, buy 1975, which is the same price *as the new 1985 declaration* lying in Portugal.

Vintage port comes under the hammer at Sotheby's on October 15 and at Christie's on October 1 and 29.

One tip is to take a catalogue and results subscription for the year just beginning.

It is worth remembering *that the two major auctioneers* offer free delivery on duty-paid purchases but bear in mind that there is a 10 per cent *buyer's premium plus* VAT.

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Those perks that can cost you dear

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DANBY BLOCH and RAYMOND GODFREY reveal the dangers lurking in the Inland Revenue's form P11D

Matthew found himself with an unexpected tax liability. When he asked why, it turned out that his employer had been subject to a *"P11D"* investigation and he had been one of those caught in the net.

With PAYE specialist units now located round the country, it is clear that the completion of this document will have to be taken a good deal more seriously in future.

Every year employers have to fill out this special form for *every employee who qualifies* as "higher-paid" and for virtually all directors, though there are some exceptions.

The tax document, known as form P11D, has to be completed by May 5 every year, though it's a safe bet that many employers are *still* tackling the 1986-87 return.

Certainly the level of information required about every employee is formidable. The details demanded include expense payments made to the employee by the employer, payments made on the employee's behalf which he has not repaid, loans made to the employee, together with non-cash payments and taxable perks.

Certain benefits, notably *approved pension* contributions, do not have to be entered. But all other expenses must be listed, even if they were *wholly, exclusively* and necessarily incurred by the employee in the performance of his or her duties and *therefore would* be *effectively* not taxable.

So every air fare, petrol payment, restaurant bill and taxi journey *should*, strictly speaking, be allocated among employees and listed on the P11D. Some companies have the accounting systems to do this properly, but most employers, especially smaller ones, do not.

Who comes within the P11D net? Basically, it is virtually all directors including part-timers, together with employees who are paid £8,500 a year or more. This £8,500 figure includes the value of all taxable fringe benefits. So, for example, if you are paid £8,000 and you have a company car with a *taxable benefit of £575* a year, that would be enough to bring you into the P11D category.

Earning £8,500 or more (what is known in the legislation as "higher-paid) does not just mean that the taxman receives a lot more information about you. The chances are that he will receive more tax from you as well, compared with someone who is lower-paid.

Broadly speaking, the lower-paid employee is taxed on the second-hand value of any perk he receives. The second-hand value of many articles *is* often much less than their original cost and, indeed, a lot of perks such as the loan of a car do not have any second-hand value and are therefore not taxable on the lower-paid.

In contrast, the so-called higher-paid employee is basically taxed on the cost that the employer incurred to provide the benefit, even including indirect and overhead costs. But there are special rules for company cars, flats or houses, as well as loans of assets and cash.

A big problem for the Inland Revenue, as well as employers, is that the £8,500 limit has been in force for so long that many employers find that all, or at least the majority, of their employees have to be included in the P11D round-up.

This *is* not just a nuisance for employers — it is causing an appreciable extra workload for the Revenue as well.

So it *is* perhaps not really surprising that the Revenue is promoting the idea of dispensations for employers. These are arrangements with the Revenue allowing employers to save themselves the trouble of making these returns of expenses and benefits.

The employer can apply to the Revenue for a dispensation, citing details of how they *make expense payments and* provide benefits to employees. If the taxman is convinced that the employer will play fair and that, by and large, he will not lose tax as a result, he will grant the dispensation.

Of course, he can always change his mind later.

Applying for a dispensation is quite likely to prompt the Revenue to set up a PAYE investigation to make sure all *is well. Such an event* can occur at any time and is becoming increasingly more common.

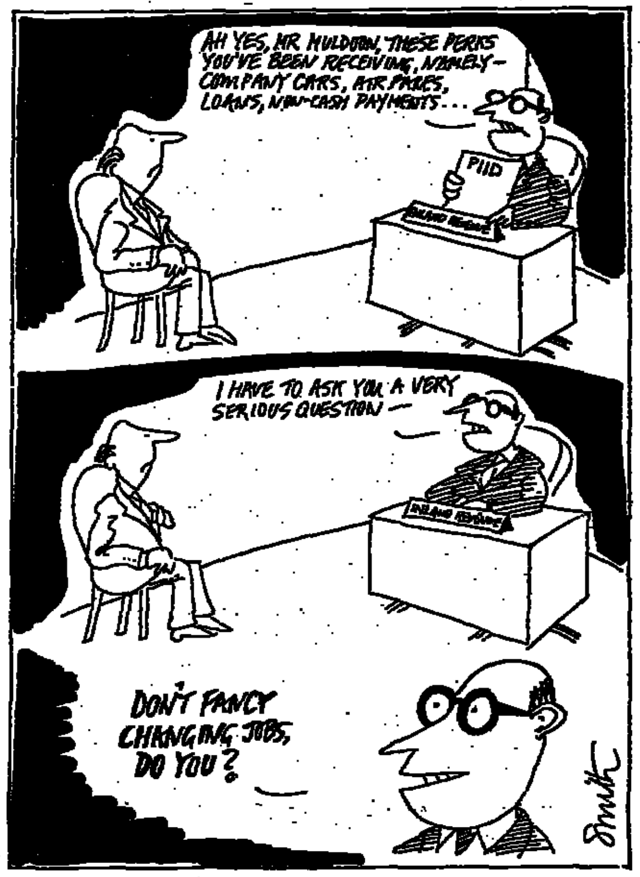
Accountants and others who have witnessed the process report that the intrepid *investigators often interview* employers, following a more or less set pattern of questions. Normally they will first have *looked at the books* so that they are reasonably familiar with the business. Questions may be raised about certain expenses, how they were incurred and whether they can be justified.

Entertaining is usually the subject of minute examination. But investigators are particularly looking out for "round sum expenses". These are basically general unspecified expense payments that do not seem to relate to any particular and allowable outlays.

They are also likely to get worked up about the status of freelance workers who, arguably, should be on the payroll and subject to PAYE.

As for benefits, they are *looking for unreported* perks such as private building or gardening work provided free for directors by company staff. *They look long* and hard at overseas "conventions" and they seem keen to trace office car parking spaces in garages provided for employees.

Matthew, with whose tax problems we started, had no idea that the car-parking space withe which he was provided near the office was a taxable perk. He certainly knows now and insists on his employer giving him a copy of his P11D, even though he has no statutory right to one.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Why banks woo students, and how

As a new academic year is begun most of the banks try to capture the student market. Some critics may see this as asking for trouble, on the grounds that students are less well known for their high credit balances, than for their ability to run up unauthorized overdrafts.

The banks, however, see students as a long-term investment. They work on the theory that today's pauperized student stands a good chance of being tomorrow's prosperous employee. What is more, they expect a high degree of loyalty, and according to **National Westminster's** research, their expectations are largely fulfilled. It estimates that about 80-85 per cent of its student account holders remain customers.

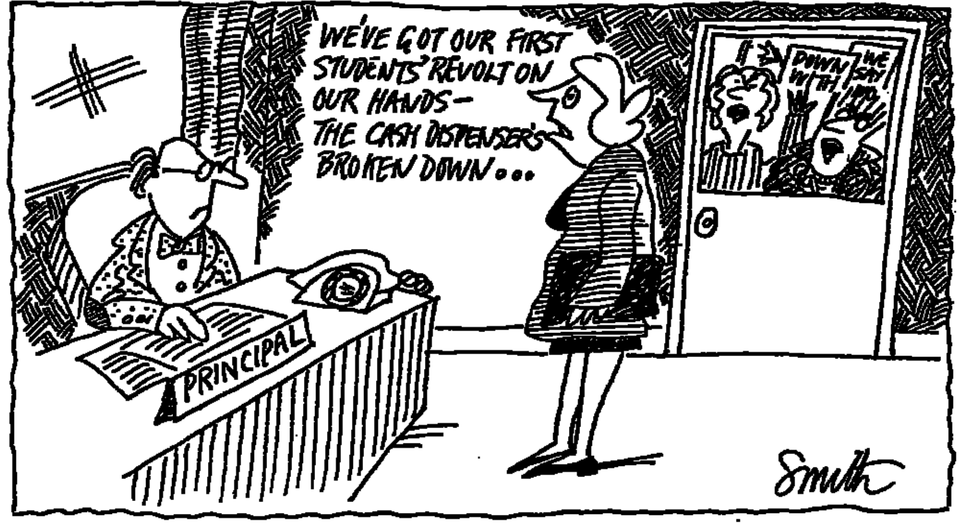
The risk involved in student business is not as great as popular opinion would indicate. In the experience of **Barclays**, students are as financially responsible as any other section of the adult population. Similary, NatWest says most of its student cutomers treat their accounts responsibly, respect overdraft limits and repay them.

NatWest is the main player in the student market. Last year, research indicated that 38 per cent of all students held accounts with NatWest, while it opened accounts for 41 per cent of all first-year students entering universities, polytechnics and higher education colleges.

NatWest says a main reason for its success in attracting student accounts is that it has 300 branches, staffed by student service advisers, on or near campuses – more than any other bank. It also acts as banker for the National Union of Students, and gives advice to the various unions.

Barclays and Midland have around 80 branches each on or near campuses and **Lloyds** has almost 60. Barclays also has approximately 300 student business officers.

Certainly, for any student trying to decide where to bank, one of the first considerations should be accessibility. Although, with the widespread availability of cash dispensers and the reciprocal arrangements between banks, visits to your own bank, let alone your account-holding branch, can be cut down significantly.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Barclays, Lloyds, the **Bank of Scotland** and the **Royal Bank of Scotland** cash cards can be used in one another's dispensers, and Midland and NatWest customers can use either bank's machines.

Most of the banks launch a student package every year, usually incorporating a gift. But more important than these teasers, of course, are the actual banking facilities being offered.

Every one of the big four allows free banking, even when you use the overdraft facility. Barclays and NatWest will agree an overdraft of up to £200 at the special rate of base rate plus 1 per cent. Lloyds also allows up to £200 and its interest rate is 1 per cent a month. Midland goes one better. It makes no charge for the first £100 agreed, and thereafter charges base rate plus 1 per cent.

TSB allows free banking and a £200 overdraft, the charge for which is base rate plus 2 per cent.

The Bank of Scotland and the Royal Bank of Scotland also offer free banking, but in the former's case this applies only to credit balances, and even then there is a 10p charge for any standing order.

Both provide a £200 overdraft facility, the charge for which is the bank's base rate plus 1 per cent.

The **Co-operative Bank** and the **Yorkshire Bank** do not have specific student deals. Instead, they have packages aimed at all young people. Neither the Co-op's Fast Forward nor the Yorkshire Bank's Solo account offers preferential overdraft terms but both offer free banking.

Students will usually be given a cheque card and a cash dispenser card. At Barclays, they get a Connect card. The limit for cash withdrawals from a cash machine varies from one bank to another. Lloyds, for example allows up to £100 a day, TSB up to £200 a day, and Midland up to £100 a week.

This facility, of course, assumes that you either have sufficient money in your account, or that you have agreed an overdraft.

Seeking permission for going into the red is of primary importance. In the past students have probably felt afraid to ask for an overdraft, but now that the big banks have recognized their need for extra finance, a facility can be arranged with the minimum of fuss. And remember, the time given to asking is well spent, as such special terms as are offered apply only to authorized overdrafts.

Apart from the overdraft facility, another way of obtaining credit is to apply for a credit card. Students over 18 will usually be considered for an Access or Visa card. Midland Bank will allow an Access credit limit of up to £250 and throw in free credit card insurance with **Cardwise** for one year, worth £6.

Another service offered by a number of the banks is an insurance package geared specifically to meet the needs of students.

Barclays Student Policy, for example, costs £38 a year, is fixed for the duration of the course and is paid half-yearly. This provides cover for personal belongings, accident and legal liability, as well as damage to the student room in college or rented accommodation.

Midland offers a similar package for £35 a year, which includes a free 24-hour legal advice telephone line.

For its student customers who intend to travel during the holidays, Midland will buy and sell foreign currency and sterling and US dollar travellers' cheques free of commission. It also makes no charge for its Eurocheque card – the usual cost is £5 a year.

Also for the holidays, TSB gives any of its customers who are full-time students a book detailing 20,000 vacation jobs located throughout the world.

● **GIFTS:** Although the banking facilities, such as preferential overdraft rates and the ready availablity of cash dispensers and actual branches should be at the top of a student's list of priorities, the gifts offered are unlikely to be ignored.

Several of the banks give hard cash, £8 from Midland, £10 from Lloyds and £12 from NatWest or the Royal Bank of Scotland. Barclays tops the lot with £15. In addition, Midland gives a student coach card worth £3.50 and NatWest provides a budget planner.

TheRoyal Bank of Scotland has come up with a novel extra. It is running a competition in conjunction with Outward Bound, the first prize for which is one week for two people on an Outward Bound course in the United States with £200 spending money, a pair of return air tickets and a Greyhound bus ticket valid for one month. Ten runners-up will be given a short course in the Lake District.

Where cash is not being given, other freebies are offered. The Bank of Scotland for example, is giving away an A4 clipboard, a pen and a guide to budgeting.

The TSB, on the other hand, is giving discounts off a wide range of goods, including records, cassettes, compact discs, videos Yamaha keyboards and T-shirts. Cassettes are also being given with various Hitachi purchases.

The Yorkshire Bank is also offering all young people who open a Solo account discounts off a wide range of merchandise. With the Co-op's Fast Forward, young people aged 15 to 22 get two free cinema tickets to any Cannon cinema and a £5 gift voucher that can be spent in any Co-op store.

Amanda Pardoe

The customers become earners

Apart from treating students favourably during their further education, many banks try to ease the financial burdens of starting a new job with loans at preferential rates.

Barclays will lend graduates up to £1,000. Repayment does not begin for three months, after which time the loan must be cleared within 24 months. The interest is base rate plus 2.5 per cent.

At Lloyds a maximum overdraft of £1,000 can be taken over 12 months at 1 per cent a month. During this time free banking, even when you are overdrawn, is still granted.

For students who have graduated this year Midland allows commission-free banking and travel facilities together with a free Eurocheque card until the end of the year. An overdraft of up to £750 is also available until the end of December, the charge for which is base rate plus 1 per cent. At the end of the year, a loan account can be arranged if necessary.

NatWest's student customers can have a post-college loan, the amount and repayment period for which is negotiable. The rate is base rate plus 3 per cent, with an 11 per cent a minimum. A four-month repayment holiday is given, and the facility is available within six months of graduation. Students still get commission-free banking until the end of the year in which they graduate. NatWest also gives a booklet, *The College, Leaver's Guide to Money Management*.

At the Bank of Scotland and the Royal Bank of Scotland, a concessionary loan of up to £1,500 is available for a maximum of four years. The interest charged on the former is base rate plus 1 per cent, while for the latter it is just base rate. At the Bank of Scotland, students may negotiate to have the facility as either an overdraft or a loan.

TSB offers a loan of up to £500, the rate for which is currently 8 per cent, and gives student customers special consideration for a mortgage.

Students who are studying for a professional qualification may also be eligible for special financial treatment from some of the banks, so it is worth contacting your branch.

The taxman pays you

For students whose parents contribute towards their grant, a deed of covenant is well worth setting up. Basically, it provides a simple and tax-efficient way of transferring income.

If, for example, the student has no other income, and that includes vacation earnings, a parent could link the covenant to the single person's allowance, which for the present financial year is £2,425.

In this way, if a net covenant of £1,770.25 is made, the student will be able to reclaim £654.75 from the Inland Revenue, which is the maximum tax recoverable.

To be effective, the covenant must be able to run for longer than six years and the student must be at least 18, as parents cannot covenant minors.

However, students who are over 24, or have supported themselves for three years are classed as independent, which means that the grant-awarding body takes any covenanted income into account when assessing the grant application.

There are several other points to bear in mind, such as the timing of the payments and the effect on supplementary and housing benefit claims.

If the covenanted payments are made on a termly basis, it is unlikely that in the first tax year the full sum under the covenant will have been paid, and so the full rebate will not be received by the student.

To avoid this, it is wise to make one annual payment.

A couple of years some students who received payments under covenant were refused supplementary benefit in the summer holidays. This was because certain DHSS offices held that covenanted payments for the summer term should cover the long vacation.

This anomaly has now been sorted out, and payment dates for the covenant do not affect eligibility for supplementary benefit (SB).

But students beware! The amount of money you receive could reduce your SB payments. If your parent covenants no more than the amount required to make up the grant, then you are all right.

Anything more than the parental contribution due is considered excess, and 1/52 of the excess is counted as part of the student's weekly income during the holidays. SB payments are reduced accordingly.

However, if the excess amounts to £4 or less a week, SB is unaffected.

To maximize the benefits of a covenant without affecting SB, parents should ensure that the amount paid under the covenant to the student, net of tax, is no more than the assessed contribution, or exceeds it by less than £208 (52 x £4).

Students who receive housing benefit could also lose out depending on the amount of the covenant. The National Union of Students looks at this and other issues in its covenant kit.

Deed of covenant forms are available from most banks and the Revenue (IR47). Free copies of the Revenue's Students Tax Information Pack (IR59) are available from any Tax office. At the same time ask for *Deeds of Covenant: Getting it Right for Tax (IR74)*.

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Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+2	+5	+4	+3	+7		
2	+2	+6	+5	+4	+4		
3	+4	+4	+7	+5	+5		
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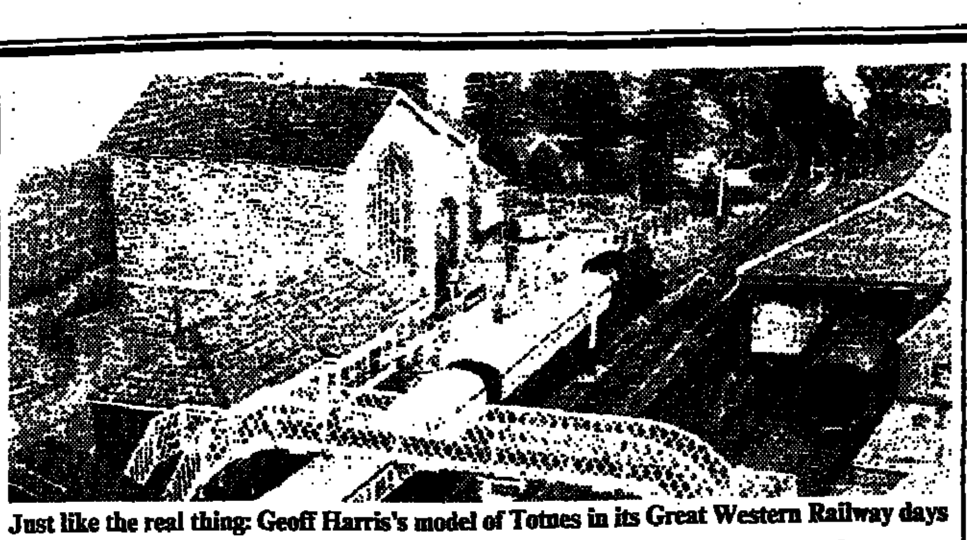

Just like the real thing: Geoff Harris's model of Totnes in its Great Western Railway days

New light on an old line

Railway modelling is not simply the preserve of young boys and overgrown train-spotters. *It has developed into a family* pastime that attracts the active participation of wives and daughters.

Though "buying for the boy" is still a pretext among fathers, there is a growing core of serious, sophisticated enthusiasts.

What is more, modelling has become a year-round activity. Hobby manufacturers, who are traditionally geared to the pre-Christmas spending boom, trail the market, which they admit is "possibly under-exploited".

Model-railway sales total about £10.5 million annually, *less than 6 per cent of toy and* hobby shop turnover in Britain, compared with 20 to 25 per cent in Austria, West Germany, Switzerland and The Netherlands, countries favoured with a particularly wide choice of extremely well engineered *products.*

Demand is fickle and deceptive

If railway modelling is seen in this light alone, there is scope for makers to increase their share. Yet, as the old footplatemen would say of an *uphill gradient*, they face "a hard road". Demand is fickle, imprecisely quantified and deceptive.

The bulk end of the market offers cheap, mass-produced "starter" train sets. At the other, there are exquisite engines, hand-built by enthusiasts-turned-craftsmen, and costing anything between £400 and £1,000 a time.

Many husbands like to share the hobby with their wives, who notably enjoy modelling scenic effects. Others would not dream of it. They dread disapproval over the sums they spend.

Colin Sparrow, a director of the Beatties countrywide model-shop chain, says: "They normally ask us to take price stickers off the box, and not to enclose the bill, so they can say they've spent £20 instead of £40."

Their outlay is probably much lower than they boast to fellow hobbyists. If there is an average, it lies between £200 *and £250* a year. *Few spend* more than £50 a time, and all are ravenous for "bargains".

Among them are leisure-seekers who have turned to trains from computer games. "These knocked railways quite substantially, but people got fed up with them, and our market has improved considerably since then," says Dave King, founder of Crownline Models, based in Penryn, Cornwall, whose discerning customers have included Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester.

"The 'toy' idea is still around, but model-railway people are *looking* for something more advanced," says Mr King, who specializes in kits that enable enthusiasts to build their own rolling stock, and parts that allow them to "super-detail" the already very passable production-line models turned out by companies such as Hornby and Wrenn.

It is attention to detail that *separates men from boys.* Serious adult enthusiasts no longer tolerate locos so crudely made that they almost jerk into vertical take-off, or lines that run round in circles. "What real railway does *that*?" growls a member of one of Britain's 700 clubs devoted to the hobby.

David Lloyd, associate editor of *Railway Modeller* magazine, says the ideal nowadays is a microcosm of standard-gauge railways accurate in "every single detail down to the last nut and bolt".

This "imagineering" spells end-to-end running lines *rather than continuous* circuits; layouts where the railway seems to grow from the scenery; period buildings constructed from facsimile materials, not printed cardboard; interlocking signals and points to avoid collisions, and trains worked to authentic "diagrams" (railway operating departments' pre-timetable plans).

Replicas become collectors' items

Not all the nation's two million-plus enthusiasts can *afford the time needed to get it* right. The well-heeled — including doctors, solicitors, MPs and Army officers — commission ready-to-run layouts from expert modellers.

Among the outstanding ones is Geoff Harris, whose unusual alliance of skills as trained artist and electronics engineer have equipped him to create perfect miniature replicas of any location on the railway network, past or present.

Those replicas become valuable, high-status collectors' items the instant they leave his workshop in Tilehurst, Berkshire, which no enthusiast should approach unless able to resist the temptation to spend at least £4,000.

Like many of his generation, Mr Harris began with clockwork tin-plate trains on the carpet, and feels a natural loyalty to the steam age those primitive models portrayed.

Hornby's marketing manager, *Simon Kobler*, foresees the pendulum swinging back to favour the pre-British Rail period, in which interest is already being fuelled by video films and the 50 or more preserved steam lines.

Nicholas Cole

The important facts you may never be told

INSURANCE

Come November, and a thin shaft of light will penetrate the dusty, 90-year-old medical recesses of the life assurance industry. But what it reveals depends on a potent mixture of medical ethics and the Data Protection Act.

Under the Act, which comes into force on November 11, anybody who suspects that a *computer* holds information about him or her can ask for that information to be disgorged.

That includes the coded references on the insurance *industry's computer* at Aldermary House, in the City of London.

The catch is that the Act applies only to information held in a computer. Most medical records — the sort that decide whether your premium is loaded — are stored in a cardboard box or, at best, in a metal filing cabinet.

In any event, they are deemed to be subject to a manual system of retrieval. And manual systems are not covered by the Data Protection Act. Even if they were, those curious to know how the insurance companies assessed their health would have to overcome medical ethics.

Although one doctor might tell another doctor about a particular person's health, the medical profession as a whole *is not wedded to the concept* of freedom of information.

So, where does this leave life assurance applicants who, for one reason or another, have been either uprated or *refused cover?*

The blunt answer is that it leaves them no better off than before. Their names will remain on the register — or blacklist, as it is sometimes called. Once they are on the register, it is unlikely that they will ever be removed.

The register was set up in 1896 to provide insurers with a centralized list of those refused life cover for medical reasons or whose applications had been accepted at special rates. Not all insurance companies subscribe but the vast majority do.

According to Frank Baker, underwriting manager at Legal & General, the register exists to protect the honest policyholder from the claims of those who may not have disclosed an illness on their proposal form.

'People forget when they visited a doctor'

"*A lot of people are ignorant* about medical matters," he says. "Sometimes they forget when they last visited a doctor and what for. But insurance companies do get quite a lot of non-disclosure, which is basically fraudulent."

Dr Mary Reynolds, of Canada Life, who is chairman of the Association of British Insurers' medical committee, says it is important to keep the register in perspective.

"It is simply an indicator, alerting companies to the fact that a proposal for life assurance has been rejected as substandard or accepted at other than normal rates," she says.

"In such cases, the company will want to check.

"Some people do, quite genuinely, *forget their medical* history. Once they have recovered from an illness or operation, their minds tend to lock the facts out.

'Minimal' data in the computer

"But others deliberately withhold information and that's why we have to check.

"It is in the interests of all policyholders that we are selective and that a very small minority — in Canada Life's case, something like one in 30,000 — are declined.

"These are the people who end up on the register, together with those who are accepted at a significantly higher premium."

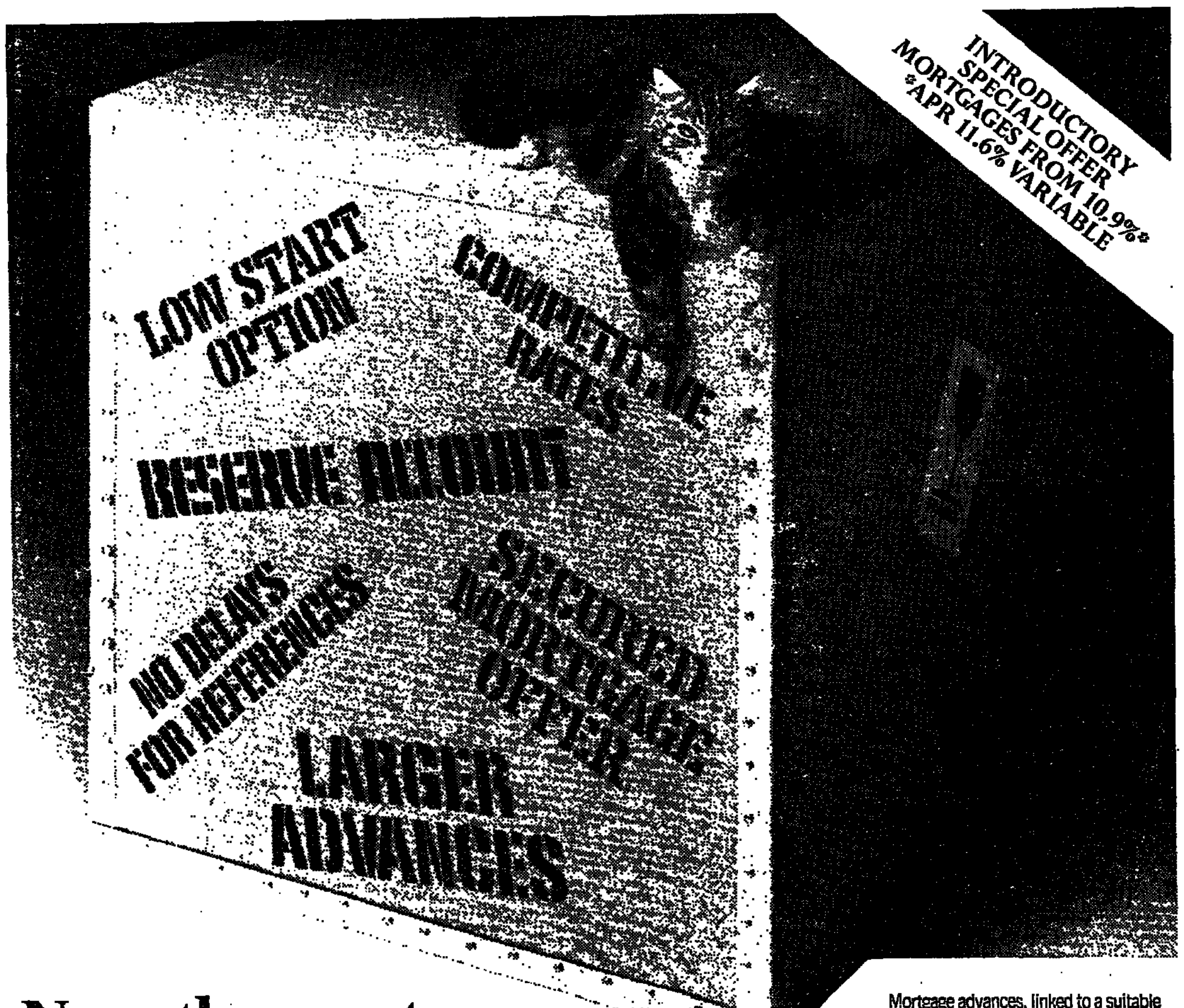
Mary Reynolds: "an indicator"

The Association of British Insurers is adamant that the information in the computer is minimal and meaningless to anyone outside the industry. The information in the doctor's box is another matter. Indeed, it is more contentious than the oft-maligned register.

Mr Baker, at Legal & General, says it is impossible for a person to be listed wrongly on the register. But, he concedes, it is possible for a doctor employed by an insurance company to have made a wrong diagnosis.

Despite all the emotion *aroused by an entry on the* register, insurance companies constantly revise their opinions on medical risks. Illnesses that were untreatable even 20 years ago are now regarded as acceptable risks.

Keith Sharp



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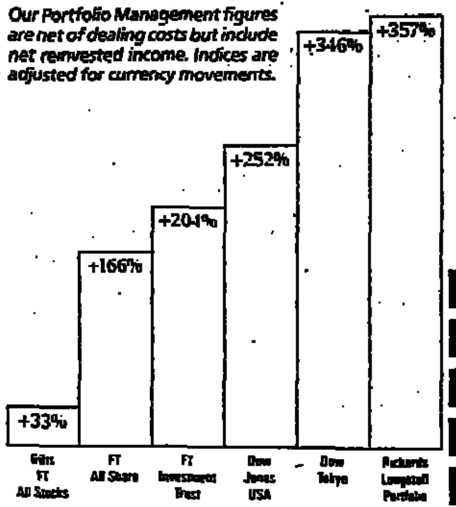

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Law and accountancy, two professions with a traditionally grey image, are becoming publicity-conscious, a trend that has **Edward Fennell** reaching for his Thesaurus

If you're looking for a good night of sizzling entertainment don't make my mistake of rummaging through a pile of professional firm's brochures.

While the rest of the country was glued to *Tom Jones* or revelling in *Sins*, I was hunting across prairies of slim but expensively produced publicity booklets looking for a *bon mot*, a telling phrase or a compelling punchline. My quest, let me tell you at once, was almost entirely fruitless.

I am not sure exactly what I had in mind. Maybe something quite modest like "Link Up with Linklaters" or "Nab 'em with Nabarro Nathanson." At the very least I thought I would get "Go to Law with Rowe & Mawe". But even there I was disappointed.

Of course, I should have known better. People like solicitors and accountants don't really want to project themselves through anything that even hints that they might be bright, breezy or brash. Good taste, refinement, restraint, these are the virtues of the professional firm. Not for them the vulgar images of popular publicity used by insurance companies and building societies — pictures of rainbows, growing cash mountains and the smiling faces of satisfied customers clearly don't mesh with an image of sober expertise.

No, if you are a lawyer or an accountant you limit yourself to just the name of the partnership and, perhaps, a minimal catchphrase like: "Coopers and Lybrand: the firm and its services." And then, thereafter, it's a string of nondescript subheadings like: Property, Litigation and Tax and Financial Planning.

Yet despite their insistence on low profile and modest exposure, more and more law and accountancy firms are deciding to produce publicity material.

For years, of course, they have been producing various kinds of technical briefing papers for clients. But the use of brochures to describe their services is really quite new. Consequently, no one is yet making too many claims about what they might achieve by way of attracting fresh clients.

None the less their significance is growing because they offer a compact and clear-cut opportunity (which has never existed before) to tell the outside world exactly what the firm is about. Indeed, in the absence of any other yardstick, they have quickly come to be seen as symbolic of the firm as a whole.

That doesn't mean, however, that front covers have much beyond the 19th century. Simmons and Simmons, for example, have a delightful shade of grey. Coopers and Lybrand have, yes, you've guessed, a delightful shade of grey. MacFarlanes have distinctive white. But Linklaters and Paines almost scooped the prize by having a distinctive white, set off against a delightful shade of grey-blue.

Anyway, accountants Moore Stephens set out to be the boldest of the group which I examined. Even though all they managed was a glossy blue front cover, punctuated by the portentious word TODAY it was, I think, the nearest I got to anything which could be described as contemporary. For the rest, it was all shades of you-know-what plus a sensible typeface.

Nicholas Walters, of the public relations firm Good Relations, probably put his finger on it when he said: "You can't pretend to be what you're not in these brochures. If you are a highly specialist firm then don't attempt to put out something which is very glossy. If the brochure is to work effectively it has to be a fair reflection of what you're really like."

Good Relations now numbers quite a few accounting and law firms among its clients but, as Mr Walters emphasized, the production of a brochure has far wider implications than just laying out a stall of professional services.

"We don't pretend to be management consultants but as soon as you focus a client's mind on what you are going to say in the brochure you inevitably have to ask where is the practice going and what are its objectives," he says.

By all accounts, many of the medium-sized companies have found it a refreshing and challenging exercise to sit down and work out the key messages which their brochures should carry.

"You need to concentrate a client's mind on what they are, which services they offer, and what kind of business they want to attract," explains Mr Walters. "Once you've done that it should be fairly straightforward to identify the kind of image they need to project."

Alison Parkes of DA Public Relations, which also works in the professional partnership field, has identified three main types of brochure: the traditional and restrained (such as Slaughter and May), the tastefully illustrated with line drawings (such as Walter Martineau), and the full colour glossy of the likes of the Nabarro Nathanson.

"But, of course, whatever the format they still have to be within the criteria laid down by the Ethics and Guidance Department at the Law Society", says Ms Parkes, "and sometimes that can be a bit tricky".

Maybe it is the effect of the various "professional ethics" watchdogs, which have produced the creamy blandness of most of the brochures. For a start, there seems to have been a conspiracy to reduce the English language to about 10 words. Problems are always "complex", activities are uniformly "wide-ranging", and if I read once more that "a wide variety of matters are conducted", I think I shall ask my friendly local Thesaurus to put me out of my misery. And, of course, everyone is "systematic without losing flexibility".

Trying to find a new way of describing the same old things has clearly taxed the inventiveness of many of the writers. And, no doubt, any move towards flamboyance would have been quickly stifled by the client. That is why the brochure of accounts of Moore Stephens genuinely does stand out.

For example, through a series of thumb nail sketches we are presented with the firm's partners and given their biographies and outside interests. The style, of course, may be a little naive but these profiles actually make mildly addictive reading, even if we are told no more than that so-and-so is a great DIY fan, and senior partner Uncle Tom Cobley is a member of the Royal Wimbledon Golf Club.

Somehow it is reassuring that these remote, dark-suited men are really just like us after all. Whether this would actually convince me to entrust my financial matters to their tender care I am not sure.

But at least the little biographies have the merit of giving the human touch and clearly Moore Stephens and Partners aren't the totally anonymous but brainy automatons who, for all I know, run every other firm. Yes, on second thoughts, the Moore Stephens brochure distinguishes itself. Any accountant who says: "We help busy people to give all their energies to their primary business" would firstly get my vote. What about yours?

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Henry Cecil: the despair of his fellow professionals

MICHAEL SEELY

assesses the achievements of Henry Cecil

Henry Cecil said recently: "I don't want to pass John Day's record by too much. If I do, I'd find it difficult to go on beating myself. And I'd like to beat the record again."

Confidence, adrenalin, instinct, cigarettes, coffee...these are the elements which have fuelled Cecil in his march towards a record-equalling 146 winners in a season and a seventh championship. A Goodwood double yesterday put him level with John Day's total set 120 years ago; today he has Reference Point, odds-on favourite for the St Leger.

Cecil is 44 and in the prime of life, a powerful six-footer, distinguished and somewhat dandyish in appearance. As the stepson of Sir Cecil Boyd-Rochfort and later the son-in-law of Sir Noel Murless, he has developed in the environment he now commands.

The elegance of his wife, Julie, and the comfortable atmosphere of Warren Place, where they live with their children, Noel and Katie, enhance an orderly and private existence.

Cecil is a phenomenon. "If the criteria are consistency, strike rate and number of winners," says Peter Jones, the compiler of *Trainers' Record*, that analytical and sometimes cruelly revealing guide, "then Henry Cecil is the best trainer in the country.

"Over the past 10 years, his strike rate has been over 35 per cent, that is to say one winner from every three runners. That's a long way better than anybody else's."

The continuing robust health enjoyed by the rampaging cohorts of Warren Place and the tremendous zest with which they race make Cecil the darling of the punters and the despair of his fellow professionals.

The reasons for his success baffle the racing world. "I've always had the greatest respect for him," says Michael Stoute, his neighbour and rival at Newmarket. "As a trainer, he's a very instinctive person with his horses. He's got so much flair. He keeps happy staff and, therefore, happy horses."

Another clue comes from Arthur Boyd-Rochfort, Cecil's half-brother and the owner-breeder of his first classic winner, Cloonagh. "He has this tremendous empathy with the horses themselves. He treats them like people, and is always talking to them."

Charles St George, one of racing's luckiest owners, with upwards of 30 horses in Cecil's care at Sefton Lodge, offers another insight. "It really is instinct and intuition. He doesn't look at the form book or employ experts.

"I go and see him at 7.30 every Sunday morning in the back room, next to the kitchen. That's where it all happens. He just sits and thinks. His smoking is the only thing that worries me. He's all nerves and tension. He's a remarkable man."

Talking about the trainer's relationship with his staff, St George continues: "I've had horses with Vincent O'Brien, Noel Murless and Ryan Price, among others. But my years with Henry and Ryan have been the most fun. Henry's a kind person and so thorough. When he comes down to Sefton Lodge, he spends hours talking to the lads. And they all adore him."

It is axiomatic nowadays, but the jockey who rides for Cecil is an odds-on chance to become champion. And Steve Cauthen, heading for his third title, pays this tribute: "He's a workaholic. His attention to detail is fantastic, and he thinks about his horses 24 hours a day. But it's all so enjoyable."

Paddy Rudkin, Cecil's head lad since the start in 1969, comments: "The guv'nor has his own style. We don't have special work jockeys like the others. Even John Higgins and Frank Storey only get up on a few. We've got about 30 lads who can ride serious work. It gives everyone a lot of confidence."

Cecil himself acknowledges this point. "It's a question of moving the staff around to find the right slot. Some like pullers, some like the lazy ones, and some like young horses. But they seem to like it here, as they hardly ever leave."

How does Cecil see himself? "People tell me that I'm a good placer of a horse, but I do it all from my head and never from the book.

"Horses must always be enjoying themselves. I never race them in their gallops. They generally finish together. I can put four horses in line at the finish, and I can still tell which is going the best. If you see them every day, you get to know them. I never have them strung out. If you do that, you are damaging the ones that are put under pressure, as they are not happy, and unlikely to improve."

Cecil says: "It's vitally important to realize a horse's ability, long-term potential, and correct distance at as early a stage as possible, hopefully in the June or July of his two-year-old career. This is one area in which I feel I'm getting better with time."

Currently, Warren Place has three of the first four favourites for next spring's 2,000 Guineas in Salse, Reprimand and Sanquirico. Salse is the 8-1 favourite after his easy win at York.

"He's a good horse, but although he is by Topsider, he already needs a mile," says Cecil. "I am therefore thinking in terms of the Somerville Tattersall and the William Hill Futurity."

Talking about Reprimand, he said: "He just didn't go in the ground when winning the Gimcrack. He's a big horse and needs to be given a chance in his races. Therefore, I'm going to run him in a small race at Lingfield before thinking about the Dewhurst.

"I wasn't frightened of taking on Always Fair and Warning in the Champagne, but it would be better to tackle them in the group one where it really matters."

And about Sanquirico: "I'm going to put him away after the Royal Lodge. He's already had four runs. We might have *tried to win both that race and* the Futurity, but it would have been too much. Give the poor thing a chance."

Reference Point, winner of the Epsom Derby and Diamond Stakes, has been the star of Cecil's season: "It's the good horses that improve with racing. There was a lot of exaggerated talk about his merit before he first ran. He was always lazy at home. He was just a slob, and it was all *push*, push, push. He's a different animal now."

In the early days, the only chink in Cecil's armour was his comparative lack of success in the three-year-old middle distance classics and other group one races over those distances.

The exploits of Le Moss and Ardross had given evidence of his skills with older stayers. But the Derby and the Oaks eluded his grasp until the dual victories of Slip Anchor and Oh So Sharp in 1985.

However, he still reacts strongly against any comparison with O'Brien: "I'm in my 40s. How old's he? About 80? He was able to buy the cream of the world's yearlings at that time. I know he's a great trainer but it's got much more competitive and it's different."

Cecil's splendidly pugnacious and jealous temperament let him wilfully *disregard O'Brien's six Epsom* Derbys, three King Georges, three Prix de l'Arc de Triomphes and over 30 other classics, let alone his Grand Nationals, Cheltenham Gold Cups and Champion Hurdles.

If a criticism can be made of Cecil professionally, it is that, despite his spectacular success with Indian Skimmer over Miesque in the French Oaks, he does not fully exploit his horses abroad.

All his rivals at the top of the trade nowadways capitalize on their horses' talents by attacking the rich European prizes at weekends. *To date*, Cecil has preferred to consolidate his position at home.

Julie Cecil is constantly at her husband's side. She is an accomplished horsewoman, and, like her husband, totally immersed in the sport which gives them their enjoyable life-style.

"*She's* much more down to earth and notices things more than I do," said Cecil. "Women are like that. I'm very slap-dash, and up and down like a yo-yo. She's my calming influence."

History and the remainder of his glittering career will determine Henry Richard *Amherst Cecil's ranking* in racing's hall of fame.

So, for the time being, let Pat Eddery, now vainly chasing Cauthen in the race for the jockeys' title, have the last word. "*It's* getting harder every day. But it's not Steve. It's Henry Cecil. He's the one we've all got to beat."

FACT FILE

HENRY RICHARD AMHERST CECIL

Born: 1943

Assistant trainer to Sir Cecil Boyd-Rochfort: 1964-68

First trainer's licence: 1969

Career achievements

Champion trainer six times: 1976, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1984, 1985

Year	Winners	Runners	Strike Rate	Value
1969	27	145	18.6%	£60,561
1970	35	201	17.4%	£29,642
1971	53	238	22.3%	£52,354
1972	51	248	20.6%	£45,698
1973	39	212	18.4%	£36,342
1974	50	258	19.4%	£69,972
1975	82	293	28.0%	£205,428
1976	52	226	23.0%	£261,500
1977	74	316	23.4%	£169,918
1978	109	339	32.2%	£382,350
1979	128	286	44.8%	£683,880
1980	84	311	27.0%	£460,104
1981	107	290	36.9%	£588,558
1982	111	317	35.0%	£872,619
1983	92	279	33.0%	£440,227
1984	108	347	31.1%	£551,879
1985	132	347	38.0%	£1,148,172
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IRELAND: 1000 Guineas: *1973 Cloonagh.*

FRANCE: Oaks: 1987 Indian Skimmer. **St Leger:** 1981 Ardross, 1986 El Cuite.

ITALY: Gran Premio d'Italia: 1986 El Cuite.

(Statistics complied by Paul Wheeler)

Traces of a racing empire

By Andrew Longmore

Although it has long ceased to be a centre of racing, the little community of Danebury in Hampshire still reveals traces of its once mighty empire.

The house, first built for John Barham Day by Lord George Bentinck in 1832, has been restored to its former grandeur by the Dunning family.

Six of the original stables survive and behind the main house stands the oak tree under which Bay Middleton and Crucifix, two of Danebury's greatest horses, are buried.

On Danebury Down, the shell of the grandstand is a stark reminder of the days when royalty, gentry and peasantry flocked to Stockbridge races.

Racing stopped in 1898 but the tradition of training is not totally forgotten. Six years ago, Ken Cunningham-Brown, a London businessman, bought the 320-acre estate.

He built a house with stables for 36 horses, installed an all-weather gallop, part of which followed the line of the old racecourse, and brought racehorses back to Danebury.

So far, the 12 horses trained at Danebury Place have not caught John Day's winning ways, but Don't Forget Me was brought to peak fitness on the lush and historic turf of Danebury Down during the hard, early months of this year.

Cunningham-Brown is well aware of Danebury's heritage. "I haven't found the secret of Day's success yet," he says. "But *I am sure* he would be pleased with what I am doing here."

Skulduggery at Danebury in days of yore

JACK WATERMAN

on John Day, who set the record 120 years ago

That much-used photograph of Henry Cecil in a rather Victorian-looking Ascot top hat, to say nothing of the banana yellow trousers he once favoured for racing, gives him at least a passing outward resemblance to contemporary pictures of John Day, the trainer whose record of 146 winners in a season he has just equalled.

There are other points of contact between the two men over the 120 years since the record was established. *Cecil is now 44; Day* was then 48. With more than 200 horses, Cecil has the most powerful racing establishment in the land.

John Day had possibly up to 70 horses in training, but that was a considerable figure then, and Danebury, near the old Stockbridge racecourse in Hampshire, where he trained, had the kind of power in those days that Warren Place has today. The Day family was, as Henry Cecil is, part of a Turf hierarchy, albeit newly established, but one which today includes Lester Piggott as a descendant.

There the resemblances end, not least in the astonishing aura of corruption, scandal and dubious betting coups which, in contrast to the impeccable conduct of Warren *Place, surrounded Danebury* from its earlier association with Lord George Bentinck, and, in John Day's time, the ruination of the Marquis of Hastings.

With the main exceptions of Hastings and the popular Duke of Beaufort, Day had a crew of crooked owners who would have been more in place aboard a prison hulk.

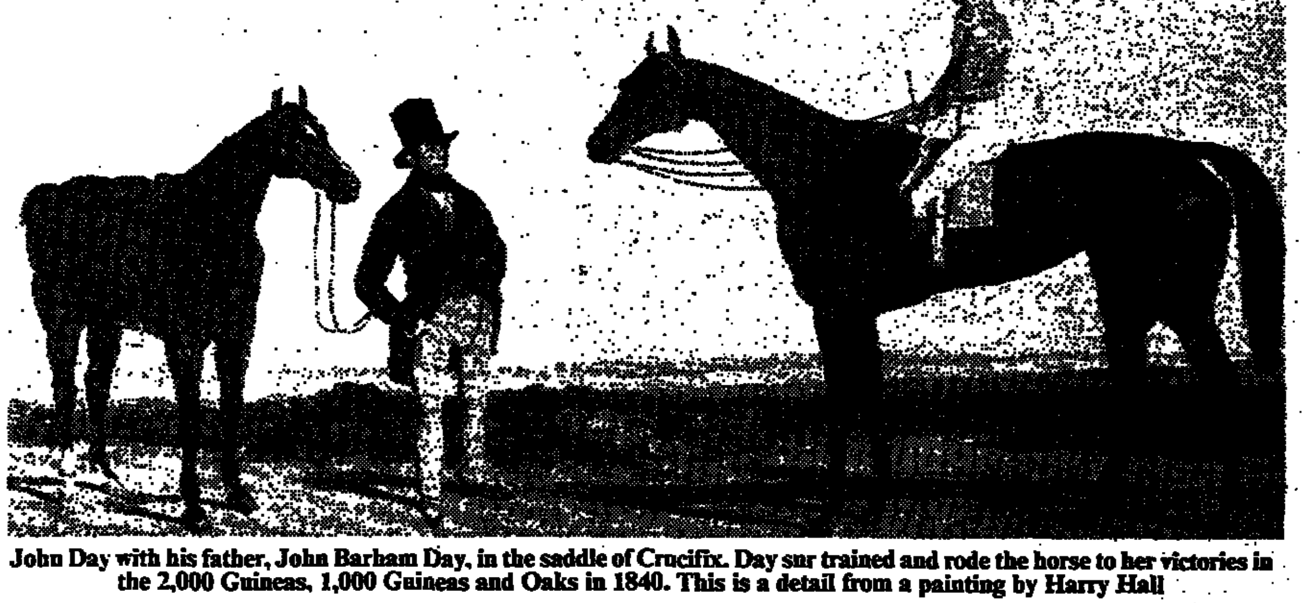
Another significant point of difference is the composition of the record itself. John Day's achievement, judged by a simple comparison of horse-power, appears almost unbelievable – until it is taken into account that in those days there were far more walkovers than occur today and a proportion of Day's total must have been achieved in this way.

At the same time, horses in the mid-19th century not only had more racing than is common today, but were capable of winning over a far wider spectrum of distances than could remotely be achieved by any horse in 1987.

In the year in which Day established his record, 12 of the total number of wins were contributed by the brilliant two-year-old filly Lady Elizabeth. John Day's father, John Barham Day, sent out Virago to win both the City and Suburban (1¼ miles) and Great Metropolitan (2¼ miles) on the same afternoon at the 1854 Epsom spring meeting and, within a month, won the 1,000 Guineas with her, after taking in two races at York on the way.

In this perspective, then, it is more understandable how John Day could amass such an admirable total. What cannot be judged as equally splendid are the circumstances surrounding Danebury in his time. By comparison, the Turf on which Henry Cecil operates is innocence itself.

Financially, the man behind Danebury in its earlier days, when John Day's father was training in the 1830s and 40s was Lord George Bentinck. Colourful, flamboyant and devious, Bentinck would arrive in his yellow carriage by night at the Star Hotel, Andover, then proceed to Danebury to watch the early work at Sam. He had put up the money for laying out the gallops and extending the stables.



John Day with his father, John Barham Day, in the saddle of Crucifix. Day snr trained and rode the horse to her victories in the 2,000 Guineas, 1,000 Guineas and Oaks in 1840. This is a detail from a painting by Harry Hall

His reputation as Turf reformer was the Dr Jekyll side of him. The Mr Hyde was an unscrupulous gambler. Take the case of Crucifix. This unbeaten filly, ridden and trained by John Day's father, won 11 races, including the 2,000 Guineas, 1,000 Guineas and Oaks of 1840. Bentinck won a fortune over her Oaks victory, a gamble which was said to have left the ring "crippled".

An injury, possibly sustained during innumerable false starts for the Oaks, meant Crucifix could not run in the St Leger. Although Bentinck knew this, he maintained an elaborate pretence that she would run, all the time laying her to substantial sums.

John Day also feathered his nest in the St Leger market, although possibly not to the extent sometimes described. The upshot was that Bentinck, denied a full-blooded coup, broke off his connection with Danebury, nursed forever an implacable hatred against John Day, and eventually settled his bills only after a lawsuit.

From that point, the fortunes of Danebury took on an even more dubious aspect. It is difficult to disentangle exactly how many classic winners father and son were individually responsible for, but the figure of 11 apiece is not far off.

As far as John Day is concerned, apart from three winners for the Duke of Beaufort, the biggest proportion were in the ownership or joint-ownership of Harry Hill, an uncouth, foul-mouthed bookmaker, T.H. Pedley, an even more disreputable bookmaker from Huddersfield, and the corrupt prize-fighter-turned- MP, John Gully.

These were part of the so-called Danebury Confederacy, one of whose specialities was laying non-triers, and who were at the root of the downfall of the Marquis of Hastings, though John Day himself was by no means blameless in this.

The Marquis, a weak-willed heavy gambler and hapless gull, had lost heavily in Hermit's Derby in 1867. He owned Lady Elizabeth but was in the hands of Harry Hill and company, as well as Henry Padwick, a former Danebury patron and rapacious money-lender (at 500 per cent sometimes). He desperately needed Lady Elizabeth to win the 1868 Derby, and was encouraged to think she might by John Day, who nevertheless knew that her punishing two-year-old career had really finished her as a racehorse.

The Marquis backed her throughout the winter and she started favourite for the Derby. Lady Elizabeth was nowhere. The Marquis of Hastings was £120,000 down, ruined, and not long afterwards dead.

Ironically, he had originally entered for that same Derby a colt which might have won and saved his fortune. But Harry Hill had laid it heavily and, with Padwick, forced him to withdraw it.

Today, Danebury languishes in neglect, although Crucifix and Bay Middleton, another of Bentinck's horses bought for stud, are peacefully unseen links with its past, buried under a tree.

After John Day, Tom Cannon took over training there – highly successfully and more respectably. He (like the Days, father and son) had taken out a training licence while still a jockey. He married John Day's daughter, Kate, and their daughter in turn married Ernie Piggott – hence the connection with Lester, his grandson.

Scandal apart, John Day's ability as a trainer was not in doubt. The records speak for themselves and a contemporary reminiscence relates that "he was one of the masters of his craft. The Marquis's horses always looked a picture when they turned out to race. In fact ... 'John Day's best boot polish' was quite a popular phrase with Turf writers of the time ..."

Good trainer as John Day was, it is pure conjecture whether Henry Cecil will be happy, even obliquely, to be mentioned alongside him. Cecil, though, is now poised to take his record, consolidate his position as one of the great trainers of the 20th century, and is already in the history books. Nor will this record be his last.

Caerwent preferred to raiders

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Jeremy Tree sprang a surprise yesterday morning when withdrawing his projected three Curragh raiders which included Digamist, the ante-post favourite for the GPA National Stakes.

Only seven colts now go to post for today's group one race which carries a prize of Ir£150,000. English interests are represented by Acajou and Germas.

Charlie Nelson's Acajou has won three of his five starts but was down the field on his only attempt in group class at Newmarket.

The Goodwood winner Germas looks a better prospect but he is not among the best of Guy Harwood's high-powered team of juveniles and Vincent O'Brien's Caerwent is preferred. In tomorrow's Moyglare Stud Stakes, another Ir£150,000 group one two-year-old race, Lively Pebbles, Thaidah and Timely provide the English challenge with Thaidah looking the danger to O'Brien's Fairy Gold.

She is a course winner and more recently finished third to Digamist in the Heinz '57' Phoenix Stakes. The race will be shown on BBC2's Grandstand.

Warning 7-1 for the Guineas after Champagne triumph

By Michael Seely

Warning is now 7-1 favourite for next spring's 2,000 Guineas after beating Always Fair with the maximum of authority in the Laurent Perrier Champagne Stakes at Doncaster yesterday.

The 10-1 offered by Ladbrokes immediately after the race quickly vanished with Khaled Abdulla's Known Fact *colt being* backed *to win* over £100,000 at the quoted odds.

The anticipated needle match between the even-money joint-favourites proved to be no contest. Pat Eddery on Warning always had Steve Cauthen on Always Fair firmly in his sights. Accelerating smoothly to lead at the distance, Warning won by 1½ lengths with Lapierre six lengths away *third*.

Eddery was in no doubt about the merit of this performance. "He's the best seen out this season and it will take a good one to beat him," he said. "He's hardly been out of a canter and it hasn't been his fault that he's had little to beat on the run-up."

Geoff Lawson, Guy Harwood's brother-in-law, has always been renowned for the soundness of his judgement so it was interesting to hear him comment. "Dancing Brave only won small races in his first season and Rousillon only came to his best as a three-year-old.

So it is fair to say that Warning is as good a two-year-old as we've ever had at Pulbrough. He was only playing around before his early races. Now he's grown up and become a man on his own."

Michael Stoute, Always Fair's trainer, had this to say: "Mine is a good colt, so Warning must be something special."

Warning's victory must have given special satisfaction to his breeder as Abdulla owned and raced Known Fact, the winner's sire, and also his dam. Slightly Dangerous, who finished second to Time Charter in the 1982 Oaks.

Talking about the stable plans, Lawson continued: "Warning could go for either the Middle Park or the Dewhurst. Tralos is also a possibility for the Dewhurst.

Earlier in the afternoon Eddery had looked likely to win the Sun Princess Stakes on Balabina. But in a driving finish Ray Cochrane and Infamy proved the stronger. The winner now goes *for the Sun Chariot* Stakes at Newmarket.

In another close finish, Cash Asmussen gave a fine exhibition of front-running tactics on Water Boatman in the Troy Stakes. Cochrane's late attack on Media Starguest looked sure to succeed but the 2-1 joint favourite spoilt his chances by hanging to the left.

Most Welcome at last

Most Welcome gained an overdue first success of the season in the Scottish Equitable Select Stakes at Goodwood yesterday but racegoers saw little of the action because of mist which shrouded the course and eventually led to the meeting being abandoned after five races.

According to Paul Eddery, who rode the winner, Most Welcome took over from Allez Milord two furlongs out. The colt, who had given Eddery the thrill of his life when finishing second to Reference Point in the Derby, ran on well to beat Lockton by two lengths.

Most Welcome will have one more race this season in the Champion Stakes and will stay *in training* next year.

Willie Musson, earlier successful with Ciren Jester at Doncaster, completed a 194-1 across-the-card double when Fire Bay landed the Exsel Plus Handicap.

Bint Pasha best in Vermeille

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

There is a strong English challenge for tomorrow's Trusthouse Forte Prix Vermeille at Longchamp with Bint Pasha (Pat Eddery). Three Tails (Willie Carson) and Blessed Event (John Reid) all contesting the group *one prize*.

Three Tails is in good heart after her Curragh success but was previously beaten by Bint Pasha in the Yorkshire Oaks and may again have to give best to the Paul Cole-trained filly. Zoumorrod (Dominique Boeuf) and Khariyda (Yves Saint-Martin) look best of the home-trained opposition.

The Aga Khan's unbeaten Prix du Jockey Club winner, Natroun, reappears in the group two Prix Niel, also over 1½ miles, earlier in the afternoon. Connections will be hoping that their colt can concede 7lb to the likes of Trempolino (Eddery) and Saint Andrews en route to a crack at the Arc.

Saronicos (Michael Roberts) contests the group three Prix Foy and deserves to collect a prize such as this after good runs in the Grand Prix de Deauville and the Prix Kergorlay. Pat Eddery's mount Ordinance may give Saronicos most to do.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Doncaster

Going: good

2.0 (1m 2f 50yd) 1, **INFAMY** (R Cochrane, 4-6 fav); 2, **Balabina** (Pat Eddery, 7-4); 3, **Golden Pampas** (W Carson, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 100 Foggy Dew (5th), Soriano (4th). 5 ran. nk, 10l, 10l, 6l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.10. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.92. 2min 09.93sec.

2.35 (1m 4f) 1, **WATER BOATMAN** (C Asmussen, 13-2); 2, **Media Starguest** (R Cochrane, 2-1 jt-fav); 3, **Russian Rover** (B Raymond, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 2 jt-fav Wolsey (4th), 4 Timefighter (6th), 14 Iosifa (5th). 6 ran. ¾l, 4l, 3l, hd, 1½l. B Hills at Manton. Tote: £7.60; £2.10, £1.50. DF: £8.00. CSF: £19.21. 2min 30.94sec.

3.5 (1m) 1, **CIREN JESTER** (G Baxter, 12-1); 2, **Madam Bills** (G Bardwell, 14-1); 3, **Sunfleet** (B Thomson, 33-1); 4, **Master Pokey** (T Lucas, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Island Charm, 12 Barnaby Benz, Icarus, 14 Domino Fire, Rolfeson, 16 Cree's Figurine, Lyrical Lover, 20 Hofte, Okosan, Sylvan Whisper, Valentine Song (6th), 33 Glencroft, Pipiola, Urray On Harry (5th), 50 Ardiles, Noble Splash, Dawn Romp, Enchanted Court. 22 ran. NR: The Great Match, Miami Boy, Torrance. 1l, ½l, 2l, sh hd, sh hd. W Musson at Newmarket. Tote: £11.40; £2.00, £3.80, £9.60, £1.50. DF: £224.50. CSF: £160.20. Tricast: £4,834.51. 1min 39.30sec.

3.40 (7f) 1, **WARNING** (Pat Eddery, Evens jt-fav); 2, **Always Fair** (S Cauthen, Evens jt-fav); 3, **Lapierre** (M Birch, 22-1). ALSO RAN: 66 Three Castles (4th). 4 ran. 1½l, 6l, 10l. G. Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.16. 1min 25.22sec.

4.10 (1m 4f) 1, **VOUCHSAFE** (W Carson, 9-2 jt-fav); 2, **Ballydurrow** (D Nicholls, 7-1); 3, **Sure Ground** (B Thomson, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Quiet Riot (4th), 5 Reno Ralph (6th), 6 Beldale Star, 7 Desert Of Wind, 10 Avec Coeur, 25 Run For Ever, 50 Cammac Lad (5th). 10 ran. NR: Pubby. 3l, sh hd, 1½l, ¾l. 3l. W Hern at West Ilsley. Tote: £4.70; £1.60, £2.30, £2.30. DF: £16.70. CSF: £34.01. Tricast: £187.86. 2min 32.13sec.

4.40 (6f) 1, **RIMSH** (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 2, **Krarwas** (B Thomson, 11-2); 3, **Marlene's Days** (N Connorton, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Kimara, 3 Picaroon (6th), 15-2 Harp Islet (5th), 11 Naseeb, 12 George Hobart (4th), 20 Sporting Simon, 66 Snowy's Boy. 10 ran. 2½l; sh hd, ¾l, ¾l, nk. H Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £6.10; £2.10; £2.60, £5.40. DF: £49.50. CSF: £27.51. 1min 13.77sec.

Placepot: £587.30

Goodwood

Going: good

2.30 (6f) 1, **HUMBLE PIE** (W Ryan, 5-4 fav); 2, **Silver Fling** (T Ives, 7-4); 3, **Dijlah** (J Reid, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 10 Valrosa Lady (5th), 14 Mohibbah (4th), 66 Unexpected Guest (6th). 6 ran. NR: Curricle. nk, 3l, 6l, 4l, 2l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £1.70. DF: £3.40. CSF: £4.35. 1min 13.48sec.

3.0 (1m) 1, **HOMO SAPIEN** (W Ryan, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, **Luzum** (R Hills, 16-1); 3, **Honey Line** (M Roberts, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 jt-fav Accompanist (5th), 5 Absheer (4th), 16 Mulhollande (6th), 100 Littleton Rory. 7 ran. 3l, nk, 4l, 8l, 8l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.90; £2.10, £2.60. DF: £18.60. CSF: £26.64. 1min 42.64sec. Flower Bowl (8-1) was withdrawn not under orders, rule Four applies to all bets. A deduction of 10p in the pound.

3.30 (1m 2f) 1, **MOST WELCOME** (Paul Eddery, 6-4 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, **Lockton** (M Hills, 4-1); 3, **Allez Milord** (G Starkey, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Bengal Fire (4th), 12 Amengo Vespucci (6th), 50 Highland Chieftain (5th). 6 ran. 2l, ½l, 8l, 7l, ½l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £2.50. DF: £4.60. CSF: £7.29. 2min 11.26sec.

4.0 (1m 4f) 1, **FIRE BAY** (M Wigham, 14-1); 2, **Checkpoint** (M Roberts, 8-1); 3, **Crystal Moss** (J Carter, 9-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Adriya (5th), Bastinado, Betty Jane, 8 Burly Native (4th), 10 Emrys, Prince Sabre, 12 Framlington Court, Gibbous Moon, 14 Trevs (6th), 20 Auction Fever, 33 Flaming Pearl. 14 ran. NR: Danboy. 2½l, 1½l, 4l, ¾l, 6l. W Musson at Newmarket. Tote: £15.90; £4.60, £2.80, £1.90. DF: £210.80. CSF: £128.49. Tricast: £547.87. 2min 39.98sec.

4.30 (1m) 1, **CHURCH LYRIC** (G Starkey, 11-10 fav); 2, **Green Adventure** (R Hills, 20-1); 3, **Darweesh** (T Ives, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Gentleman's Jig (4th), 12 Sulos (5th), 20 Appellant (6th). 6 ran. 1½l, 1l, 2½l, *10l, hd. G Harwood at Pulborough.* Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £3.50. DF: £12.10. CSF: £17.33. 1min 46.44 sec.

Jackpot: £1,676.30. Placepot: £12.35.

● **The last two races were abandoned due to bad visibility.**

Newton Abbot

Going: good

2.15 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, **Alig** (M Williams, 7-1); 2, **Lightning Wind** (5-2); 3, **Crimson Lady** (66-1). One To Mark 10-11 *fav. 11 ran. NR: Bonnie Boy, Fleet Bay,* Duckhaven, 7l, ½l. I Wardle. Tote: £10 10 £1.80, £1.10, £14.10. DF: £12.60. CSF: £23.62.

2.45 (2m 5f ch) 1, **Kyoto** (S Smith Eccles, Evens fav); 2, **Maggie Dee** (11-1); 3, **River Rhein** (3-1). 4 ran. 2l, 20l. J Jenkins. Tote: £2.30. DF: £4.30. CSF: £9.16.

3.15 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, **King Of The Sea** (Miss S Lawrence, 7-1); 2, **Great Aunt Sally** (16-1); 3, **Just Blake** (25-1). Norstown 10-11 fav. 9 ran. NR: Wild Flyer. nk, 4l Mrs S Oliver. Tote: £7.70; £1.60, £3.20, £2.30. DF: £168.50. Tricast: £7,332.50.

3.45 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, **Lucky Mistake** (R Linley, 13-2); 2, **Smiling Laurel** (25-1); 3, **Aldington Bell** (11-4 fav). 10 ran. NR: Pass Ashore. hd, 4l. R Hodges. Tote: £5.80; £1.60, £10.70, £2.20. DF: £430.20. CSF: £131.09. Tricast: £596.97. Hardbridge (5-1) withdrawn, not under orders – rule 4 applies to bets at board prices, deduction 15p in pound.

4.15 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, **Arastou** (P Scudamore, 11-2); 2, **Coral Harbour** (15-2); 3, **Rusty Roc** (20-1). Fleet Footed 5-2 fav. 15 ran. NR: Spigot Shaft. 4l, ½l. J Francome. Tote: £8.30; £3.10, £1.80, £10.90. DF: £56.40. CSF: £45.90. Tricast: £734.39.

4.45 (3m 2f 100yd ch) 1, **Colonel Christy** (G McCourt, 8-13 fav); 2, **Stevasa** (7-2); 3, **Another Warden** (3-1). 4 ran. NR: Jimmy Miff. 25l, dist. H O'Neill. Tote: £1.40. DF: £2.90. CSF: £2.96

Placepot: £138.95

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Reference Point out on his own

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

Reference Point should win the Holsten Pils St Leger at Doncaster this afternoon. However, anyone contemplating backing him would do well to put the clock back to 1981 and recall that Shergar also started at odds-on for this classic and finished only fourth.

Like Reference Point Shergar went to Doncaster having won the Derby and the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. So a fine record does not necessarily guarantee success.

Having said that, how can the favourite be opposed? Although the name of Habitat features close up in his pedigree, he has always looked and raced like a thorough stayer. In fact getting the trip is the one thing that Steve Cauthen has never been afraid of.

And on his form at Ascot, where he beat Celestial Storm, Triptych, Moon Madness, Tony Bin, Acatenango and Sir Harry Lewis, Reference Point is so superior to any of his six rivals this afternoon that he could even afford to have an off day and still win. So the real race looks like being for the minor placings.

While Love The Groom and Mountain Kingdom look the pick of the remainder, Waterfield could be the one to spring a surprise if the rain, which is promised, materializes. Then the emphasis would be on out-and-out stamina which Waterfield gets from his sire, that great stayer Le Moss, who won the Ascot, Goodwood and Doncaster Cups twice.

After just failing to last out six furlongs at Royal Ascot, Newmarket and Phoenix Park, **Ship Of Fools** should appreciate the switch back to the minimum distance for the Flying Childers Stakes and he is preferred to both Classic Ruler, whom he has beaten once already on worse terms, and Tricky Note.

Rain would improve the chance of **De Rigueur** winning the Battle of Britain Handicap. As Gold Prospect will be meeting my selection, who ran so well in the Schweppes Mile at Goodwood, on 6lb worse terms than in the Lincoln I will not be surprised if the course winner Dr Bulasco turns out to be a bigger danger.

While Tahilla, Mamouna and Montfort boost the best form for the Sceptre Stakes, it could still prove foolish to overlook Leyali who has improved *with every race this* year and may well be still on the upgrade if her recent homework is anything to go by.

Otherwise it could pay to follow Peter Easterby's in-form pair **Young Benz** (4.40) and **Jamarj** (5.40) as they endeavour to land a popular local double for their consistently successful Yorkshire trainer.

At Goodwood it is not difficult to envisage Greville Starkey enjoying a field day on **Sansiya** (2.30), **Respect** (3.0) and Alphabatim's younger half-brother **Buddy**, who makes his debut in the EBF Goldings Maiden Stakes.

Sansiya should only have to run as well as she did behind Leyali at Newbury to win the Mail On Sunday Handicap while Respect should make his presence felt in the Chromacopy Handicap having won twice over the course and distance.

Many will also fancy Starkey's chance of winning the Carnes Seat Nursery as well on Y V Tucker, who is basically a winner without a penalty having passed the post first at Epsom before being disqualified.

However, in this instance, I am quite content to go nap on **Sayant** who is likely to find this, his first venture into handicap company, easier than when he took on Germas on the same course last time and Tralos the time before that at Sandown.

● Reference Point will establish a new prize-money record for a horse in Britain if he wins today's £125,000 Holsten Pils St Leger at Doncaster. Victory would take his earnings to £774,275. He has already won more than double the figure achieved by his sire, Mill Reef.

Blinkered first time

GOODWOOD: 2.30 Sleuth. CHEPSTOW: 1.45 Nore Hill. 2.45 Chummy's Great. 3.45 Maksab. 4.15 Head Of Defence, L G 's Pride. 5.15 Grand Espoir.

BIG RACE RUNNERS

3.35 HOLSTEN PILS ST LEGER STAKES (Group I: 3-Y-0 colts & fillies: £106,077: 1m 6f 127yd) (7 runners)

301	(6)	0-01042	DRY DOCK 24 (F) (b c High Line - Boathouse) (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 9-0 *(Crimson, silver braid)*	W Carson	79
302	(5)	000300	GULF KING 34 (F,G,S) (ch c King's Lake - Pearl Star) (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 9-0 *(Light blue, purple epaulets, quartered cap)*	A Cruz	79
303	(1)	3-4143	KING OF MERCIA 14 (S) (b c Great Nephew - Saint Osyth) (S De Chair) L Cumani 9-0 *(Green, black epaulets, hooped cap)*	R Cochrane	71
304	(2)	3-40110	LOVE THE GROOM 25 (F,G) (b c Blushing Groom - Nell's Briquette) (Mrs V Gaucci del Bono) J Dunlop 9-0 *(Red, white star, yellow sleeves, red and yellow hooped cap)*	T Ives	90
305	(4)	203211	MOUNTAIN KINGDOM 21 (G,S) (b c Exceller - Star In The North) (Pin Oak Stables) C Brittain 9-0 *(Grey and royal blue stripes, grey sleeves, royal blue cap)*	Pat Eddery	82
306	(3)	1-11211	REFERENCE POINT 24 (C,F,G,S) (Mill Reef - Home On The Range) (L Freedman) H Cecil 9-0 *(Yellow, black spots, yellow sleeves and cap)*	S Cauthen	● 99
308	(7)	00110	WATERFIELD 43 (G) (ch c Le Moss - Shannon Princess) (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 9-0 *(Red, white sleeves, black and white quartered cap)*	B Thomson	70

BETTING: 1-4 Reference Point, 6-1 Mountain Kingdom, 10-1 Love The Groom, 20-1 King Of Mercia, 33-1 Dry Dock, Gulf King, 66-1 Waterfield.

1986: MOON MADNESS 9-0 Pat Eddery (9-2) J Dunlop 8 ran

Form guide to the seven runners

GULF KING (9-1) proved this trip to be no problem with a 3¾l 3rd to Tabayaan (8-12) at Longchamp (1m 7f, £32852, soft, Jun 28, 7 ran).

KING OF MERCIA (9-0) showed best form when beating **MOUNTAIN KINGDOM** (9-0) ¾l on heavy ground at Ascot (1m 2f, £6965, Jly 24, 5 ran).

MOUNTAIN KINGDOM (8-10) gained revenge next time out at Salisbury on good ground (1m 4f, £2988, Aug 12, 6 ran) beating **KING OF MERCIA** (9-3) 5½l.

LOVE THE GROOM found the 1m 2f 110y trip too short when 6th to Triptych in the Matchmaker last time.

Is best judged (9-2) on a 3l beating of Colchis (8-10) in a fast run Gordon Stakes at Goodwood (1m 4f, £23192, good to firm, Jly 28, 6 ran).

REFERENCE POINT (9-0) only needed to be shaken up to beat **DRY DOCK** (8-9) 4l at York last time (1m 4f, £32254, soft, Aug 19, 3 ran).

Earlier **REFERENCE POINT** (8-8) won the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stks in game style by 3l from Celestial Storm (9-7) at Ascot (1m 4f, £68219, soft, July 25, 9 ran).

WATERFIELD has won over 2m, but showed best form at Newmarket (1m 4f, £4667, good, Jly 7, 5 ran) when (8-10) an easy 5l winner from Shimshek (8-9).

Selection: REFERENCE POINT

DONCASTER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.20 Pagan Rite.
2.55 Ship Of Fools.
3.35 Reference Point.
4.10 De Rigueur.
4.40 Young Benz.
5.10 Leyali.
5.40 Jamarj.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.20 Pagan Rite.
2.55 Ship Of Fools.
3.35 Reference Point.
4.10 Open Hero.
4.40 Crown Ridge.
5.10 LEYALI (nap).
5.40 Up the Kop.

By Michael Seely

2.55 SHIP OF FOOLS (nap). 3.35 Reference Point.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.40 DONOVAN ROSE.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103	(12)	0-0432	TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0	B West (4)	88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good **Draw: low numbers best**

2.20 HOLSTEN STAKES (Lady amateurs: £3,993: 7f) (10 runners)

3	(3)	004340	MR PASTRY 11 (C Flear) E Alston 4-9-11	Sue Alston (3)	57
4	(2)	230320	SAKER 14 (BF,G) (M Al Maktoum) L Cumani 4-9-11	Sara Cumani	● 99
5	(7)	003003	TANOUMA 39 (G) (Prince A Faisal) J Dunlop 4-9-11	Carolyn Eddery	82
6	(1)	11-0221	CHORITZO 12 (D,F,G) (C Wright) R Williams 3-9-9	Brooke Sanders	88
7	(9)	4-10440	PAGAN RITE 70 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-9-9	Maxine Juster	95
9	(10)	300302	ELSOCKO 9 (R Shaw) B McMahon 4-9-8	Stephanie Baxter	75
12	(5)	000134	TAJ SINGH 31 (D,G) (A Wilkinson) Denys Smith 5-9-8	Jennie Goulding	50
13	(8)	0-00140	ALTOBELLI 7 (D,F) (C Booth) C Booth 3-9-6	Liddy Bethell (3)	73
15	(6)	2-04000	ELEGANT ISLE 2 (D,G) (M Lee) K Ivory 3-9-6	Linda Mellor (3)	89
17	(4)	00-10	WING PARK 14 (D,G) (Miss C Morris) A Bailey 3-9-3	Kate Morris	92

BETTING: 9-4 Pagan Rite, 3-1 Tanouma, 4-1 Saker, 13-2 Taj Singh, 8-1 Choritzo, 10-1 Wing Park, 14-1 others.

1986: VERDANT BOY 3-9-9 Maxine Juster (5-1) M Stoute 12 ran

2.55 FLYING CHILDERS STAKES (Group II 2-Y-O: £21,432: 5f) (7 runners)

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1	(7)	121221	CLASSIC RULER 43 (D,F) (A Al Jalleh) C Nelson 9-2	Pat Eddery	89
2	(6)	2113	GALLIC LEAGUE 86 (D,BF,F) (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11	S Cauthen	88
3	(2)	123013	GOLDEN GARTER 9 (D,F,G,S) (T Wong) M Brittain 8-11	K Darley	90
4	(5)	124202	J CHEEVER LOOPHOLE 9 (D,F) (S Astaire) C Tinkler 8-11	M Birch	91
5	(1)	113344	SHIP OF FOOLS 34 (D,F) (C Wright) R Williams 8-11	R Cochrane	● 99
6	(3)	140003	TOMMY DALY 16 (B,D,G) (J Daly) D A Wilson 8-11	M Roberts	70
9	(4)	110234	TRICKY NOTE 26 (D,F,G) (Mrs K Ashbourne) W Haggas 8-6	M Hills	96

BETTING: 2-1 Ship Of Fools, 11-4 Tricky Note, 4-1 Classic Ruler, 6-1 Gallic League, 10-1 J Cheever Loophole, 12-1 Golden Garter, 25-1 Tommy Daly.

1986: SIZZLING MELODY 9-0 R Hills (6-4 fav) John FitzGerald 6 ran

FORM **CLASSIC RULER** has yet to finish out of the first two and ran best race to date last time at Goodwood (5f, £18603, good to firm, Jly 31, 7 ran) when (8-12) a 1½l winner from Queen's Piper (8-7).

Previously (8-13) finished ½l 2nd to Colmore Row (8-13) at Royal Ascot (5f, £24111, soft, Jun 18, 8 ran) with **GALLIC LEAGUE** (8-13), who has not been seen out since, 2l 3rd after hanging right.

J CHEEVER LOOPHOLE (8-11) showed best ever form at York last time (5f, £3909, good, Sept 3, 7 ran) when ½l 2nd to Queen's Piper (8-2) with the game and consistent front runner **GOLDEN GARTER** (9-2) 2½l 3rd.

SHIP OF FOOLS (9-0) tried to make all the running in the Heinz 57 at Phoenix Park (6f, £164950, firm, Aug 9, 12 ran) and was far from disgraced to finish a length 4th to Digamist (9-0)

TRICKY NOTE (8-11) was up to form when 2l 3rd to Pea Green (8-11) in a Newbury Listed race (5f, £9334, good to firm, Aug 15, 9 ran).

Earlier (8-11) a 1¾l beating of **SHIP OF FOOLS** (9-2) at Sandown (5f, Listed, £7570, good, May 26, 5 ran).

Selection: TRICKY NOTE

3.35 HOLSTEN PILS ST LEGER STAKES (Group I: 3-Y-O colts & fillies: £106,077: 1m 6f 127yd) (7 runners)

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RUNNERS AND RIDERS SEE ABOVE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
H Cecil	26	87	29.9	W Carson	44	255	17.3
L Cumani	19	66	28.8	N Day	7	41	17.1
W Hern	21	78	26.9	S Cauthen	40	239	16.7
M Stoute	28	120	23.3	B Thomson	8	53	15.1
W O Gorman	13	63	20.6	Pat Eddery	24	162	14.8
J Dunlop	15	94	16.0				

Only qualifiers

4.10 BATTLE OF BRITAIN HANDICAP (£13,090: 1m) (13 runners)

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2	(11)	01-3000	HYDRAULIC POWER 112 (G) (M Salem) O Douieb 3-9-10	Pat Eddery	87
3	(13)	433010	SHMAIREEKH 29 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 6-9-9	B Thomson	95
4	(7)	1-00301	GOLD PROSPECT 7 (D,G,S) (H Spack) G Balding 5-9-5 (5ex)	J Williams	93
5	(6)	420310	JUST A FLUTTER 44 (D,F,G) (F Wilson) M Jarvis 3-9-3	B Raymond	92
6	(9)	0-10000	DR BULASCO 91 (CD,G,S) (D Brown) S Norton 3-9-2	S Cauthen	93
7	(3)	200010	DE RIGUEUR 44 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Heath) J Bethell 5-9-0	P Cook	95
8	(5)	004014	FREEDOM'S CHOICE 14 (D,BF,F,G,S) (O Phipps) J Dunlop 5-9-0	W Carson	96
11	(10)	030-330	OPEN HERO 42 (D,F,G) (G Tong) R Armstrong 4-8-12	M Roberts	94
12	(1)	102000	COME ON THE BLUES 14 (D,F,S) (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 8-8-8	T Ives	● 99
14	(4)	203020	SIGNORE ODONE 9 (D,F) (B Shaw) M H Easterby 5-8-5	M Birch	90
18	(8)	2114-0	GET ON GERAGHTY 8 (F,G) (M Geraghty) G Huffer 3-7-13	G Bardwell (5)	94
19	(12)	310003	WENSLEYDALEWARRIOR 37 (D,F,G,S) (C Woods) G Moore 3-7-12	S Wood (7)	93
23	(2)	404312	MOORES METAL 14 (D,G) (Moores Stoke Ltd) R Hollinshead 7-7-7	A Culhane (5)	85

BETTING: 9-2 Get On Geraghty, 11-2 Shmaireekh, 6-1 Just A Flutter, 8-1 Come On The Blues, Freedom's Choice, Gold Prospect, 12-1 De Rigueur, Dr Bulasco, 14-1 Open Hero, Wensleydalewarrior, 16-1 others.

1986: FAIR COUNTRY 4-7-10 G Carter (10-1) D Elsworth 16 ran

FORM **SHMAIREEKH**, 8th at Newbury, had won a Stakes race at Brighton (8-11) by 2l from Water Cay (9-7) (1m, £2469, good to firm, Aug 4, 6 ran).

DE RIGUEUR (7-13) only beaten just over 2l into 6th by Waajib (9-10) at Goodwood (1m, £48250, good to firm, Jly 30, 20 ran). Out of the first nine were **GOLD PROSPECT** (8-6), **COME ON THE BLUES** (7-13) and **JUST A FLUTTER** (8-7).

JUST A FLUTTER comes into consideration on 2l Newbury 3rd (8-5) to Tahilla (8-4) (1m, £3961, good, Jun 30, 6 ran).

OPEN HERO runs over a mile for the first time since the spring, when 3l 3rd (8-9) to Turfah (8-12) at Kempton (1m, £16596, firm, May 4, 15 ran).

MOORES METAL won at Newmarket (1m), then reverted to familiar, ungenuine ways when neck 2nd (7-8) to Tamourad (9-8) over the same course and distance (£4422, good, Aug 29, 12 ran). **FREEDOM'S CHOICE** (9-3) was 5l back in 4th and **COME ON THE BLUES** (9-1) out of first nine.

FREEDOM'S CHOICE would go well here if reproducing form of 1½l Newbury victory (9-7) over Gilderdale (9-0) (1m, £7065, good to firm, Aug 14, 14 ran).

Selection: FREEDOM'S CHOICE

4.40 HOLSTEN DIAT PILS HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £8,519: 1m 2f 50yd) (6 runners)

C 4

2	(5)	021321	CROWN RIDGE 10 (G) (I Allan) C Wall 10-1 (8ex)	B Raymond	93
10	(6)	021122	SOUTH PARADE 9 (F,G) (Hippodromo Racing) W Jarvis 9-0	Pat Eddery	● 99
11	(4)	2-11022	BEAU NASH 14 (F) (F Salman) M Prescott 8-13	G Duffield	94
13	(1)	014-	STUBBLE FIRE 312 (F) (Duke of Marlborough) J Dunlop 8-12	W Carson	89
15	(3)	021111	YOUNG BENZ 15 (F,G,S) (T Bennett) M H Easterby 8-8 (5ex)	M Birch	98
19	(2)	10-0000	RIO PIEDRAS 12 (S) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 8-0	G Bardwell (5)	93

BETTING: 13-8 Young Benz, 15-8 Crown Ridge, 4-1 South Parade, 8-1 Beau Nash, 10-1 Stubble Fire, 33-1 Rio Piedras.

1986: ENBARR 8-13 S Cauthen (Evens fav) H Cecil 6 ran

FORM **CROWN RIDGE** (8-9) showed improved form last time when beating Orient Line (8-5) a head at York (1m 4f, £8129, good, Sept 2, 10 ran).

SOUTH PARADE (8-5) failed to quicken from the distance when 3l 2nd to Riot Squad (8-10) at York (1m 1f, £3460, good, Sept 3, 10 ran).

BEAU NASH (11-1) up to best when 1½l 2nd to Tarleton's Oak (10-7) in an amateur event at Goodwood (1m 2f, £3798, good to firm, Aug 29, 9 ran).

STUBBLE FIRE (9-3) collared at the distance and stayed on at one pace when ½l 4th to Loud Appeal (8-11) at Leicester (7f, £3013, good, Nov 4, 16 ran).

YOUNG BENZ (9-3) beat Try Scorer (8-3) 4l at Newcastle (1m 2f, £4234, good to soft, Aug 28, 15 ran).

RIO PIEDRAS best judged on penultimate outing when (8-9) 8½l 3rd to Penelope Strawbery (9-2) at Newmarket (1m 2f, £3090, good, Jly 18, 6 ran).

Selection: YOUNG BENZ

5.10 SCEPTRE STAKES (£11,842: 1m) (10 runners)

1	(4)	1-12121	TAHILLA 22 (D,F,G) (Lady Derby) J Tree 3-8-6	Pat Eddery	● 99
2	(7)	133120	BRONZEWING 22 (D,F,G) (Sir T Pilkington) J Dunlop 3-8-2	W Carson	85
3	(5)	211042	CHAMONIS 23 (F) (I Allan) C Wall 3-8-2	B Thomson	88
6	(1)	111-0	LALUCHE 90 (CD) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-2	N Day	87
8	(3)	41121	LEYALI 28 (F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-2	M Roberts	89
9	(9)	0-4313	LORA'S GUEST 14 (G) (J Rowles) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-2	M Hills	73
10	(10)	300132	MAMOUNA 22 (D,G) (Aga Khan) M Stoute 3-8-2	P Cook	95
11	(2)	232011	MONTFORT 30 (D,F,G,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) W Jarvis 3-8-2	G Carter	95
12	(6)	0-60000	MY IMAGINATION 46 (S) (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 3-8-2	A Cruz	77
14	(8)	110-	TWYLA 431 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-2	T Ives	87

BETTING: 7-4 Tahilla, 9-4 Mamouna, 9-2 Laluche, 13-2 Twyla, 8-1 Leyali, 12-1 others.

1986: ASTEROID FIELD 3-8-6 B Thomson (5-2) B Hills 10 ran

5.40 ROUS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,708: 6f) (18 runners)

3	(10)	0211	MASTER OF THE ROLL 28 (D,S) (Mrs Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 9-7	D McKeown	97
5	(11)	21242	MAGNA TRAVAILLE 4 (F) (Mrs R James) S Norton 9-5	J Lowe	93
7	(5)	0130	PROUD AND KEEN 28 (F) (Miss D Keen) W O'Gorman 9-3	T Ives	85
9	(15)	10	FLORENTYNNA BAY 11 (F) (Mrs D Adams) John FitzGerald 9-2	G Baxter	83
10	(17)	00421	FORTINBRAS 35 (D,F) (T Barker) E Weymes 9-1	G Duffield	94
11	(18)	0111	JAMARJ 24 (D,F,S) (I Armitage) M H Easterby 8-13	M Birch	98
12	(16)	3030	HORATIAN 14 (J Tudor) N Vigors 8-12	P Cook	94
13	(7)	210241	UP THE KOP 12 (D,F) (T Ramsden) A Bailey 8-12 (5ex)	P Bloomfield	94
14	(4)	022220	LOVE TO DANCE 12 (Full Circle C Plc) N Tinkler 8-9	Kim Tinkler	92
16	(1)	000	PORTVASCO 25 (BF) (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 8-6	B Thomson	93
17	(13)	023203	THOMAS LENG 8 (B) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-5	K Darley	94
19	(12)	0240	GOSCAR 12 (Lady Matthews) M Camacho 8-1	N Connorton	95
20	(3)	22044	NATIVE RIVER 119 (Mrs F Bentley) W Bentley 8-1	J Carroll (5)	92
21	(8)	000	AL KHALED 49 (Sheikh A Dahlawi) R Hannon 8-1	M Roberts	83
23	(14)	000	BOLD PETER 75 (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 7-13	G Bardwell (5)	—
24	(6)	021	DONOVAN ROSE 127 (F) (P Savill) J Berry 7-12	W Carson	● 99
26	(9)	440	HYDE GROUP 33 (Hyde Sporting Promotions) M W Easterby 7-11	L Charnock	87
27	(2)	00034	TEMPT PROVIDENCE 8 (R S Cockerell Farms) C Booth 7-11	M Fry	94

BETTING: 5-2 Donovan Rose, 7-2 Magna Travaille, 9-2 Master Of The Roll, 6-1 Goscar, Jamarj, 8-1 Proud And Keen, 12-1 Up The Kop, 14-1 others.

1986: MISTER POKEY 8-5 M Birch (7-2) M W Easterby 7 ran

GOODWOOD

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Guarde Royale.
2.30 Sansiya.
3.00 Respect.
3.30 Court Town.
4.00 Buddy.
4.30 Piney River.
5.00 SAYANT (nap).

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2.00 —
2.30 Sleuth.
3.00 —
3.30 Rhapsody In Black.
4.00 Main Objective.
4.30 Munadhil.
5.00 YV Tucker.

Going:good **Draw: high numbers best**

2.00HORSE RACING ABROAD STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,954: 1m 4f) (4 runners)

BBC 1

105	(1)	4-42310	ROUSHAYD 24 (G) (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 9-1	R Hills	90
107	(3)	402130	GUARDE ROYALE 25 (D,S) (F Salman) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	● 99
109	(2)	3-20412	MOUNTAIN ISLE 7 (D,F) (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-11	Paul Eddery	95
110	(4)	03	SWEET REEF 25 (Mrs V Gaucci del Bono) J Dunlop 8-11	B Rouse	76

BETTING: 11-8 Guarde Royale, 9-4 Mountain Isle, 3-1 Roushayd, 7-1 Sweet Reef.

1986: NORPELLA 9-7 P Robinson (2-1 fav) G Wragg 5 ran

FORM **ROUSHAYD**, 8th in the Ebor (1m 6f), is a front runner. Earlier (8-8) beat Alpine Dance (8-5) a very easy 8l at Bath (1m 3f 150y, £1216, good, Jly 7, 14 ran).

GUARDE ROYALE, who ran badly on soft ground at York, has strong claims on 10l Newmarket win and 3½l Chepstow 3rd (8-9) to Primitive Rising (8-9) (1m 4f, £10784, good to firm, Jly 7, 6 ran).

MOUNTAIN ISLE won at Lingfield, then ran at least as well in finishing 1l 2nd (8-10) to Proud Crest (9-2) at Haydock (1m 4f, £3413, good, Sept 5, 4 ran).

SWEET REEF (8-8) could finish only 3½l 3rd to Rag Queen (8-5) at Windsor (1m 2f 22y, £958, good to firm, Aug 17, 14 ran) and faces a stiffer task here.

Selection: GUARDE ROYALE

2.30 MAIL ON SUNDAY THREE YEAR OLD SERIES HANDICAP (£4,168: 7f) (10 runners)

BBC 1

201	(2)	1-43220	SANSIYA 12 (BF,G) (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 9-7	G Starkey	98
203	(7)	322	SLEUTH 49 (V,BF) (K Al-Said) J Hindley 9-4	Paul Eddery	96
204	(6)	1004	IRANIAN 12 (G) (Duke of Roxburghe) A Stewart 9-3	W Newnes	92
206	(4)	002100	STAY LOW 14 (B,D,F,G,S) (G Blum) G Blum 9-3	R Hills	95
207	(1)	400012	NATIVE DRESS 8 (D,G) (Mrs J McDougald) I Balding 9-3 (8ex)	M Marshall (7)	87
211	(5)	004004	STRATHBLANE 16 (F,G) (A Struthers) J Dunlop 9-0	B Rouse	96
214	(3)	130000	SPITZABIT 9 (G) (Mrs C Read) Pat Mitchell 8-8	J Quinn (5)	94
215	(8)	201030	SNOW LADY 15 (F) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 8-8	N Carlisle	96
218	(9)	010400	NAWWAR 31 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 7-12	S Dawson	93
219	(10)	212043	SERGEANT MERYLL 8 (G) (Mrs J Moodie) P Howling 7-8	N Adams	● 99

BETTING: 11-4 Sleuth, 9-2 Sansiya, 11-2 Native Dress, 7-1 Iranian, 15-2 Strathblane, 9-1 Sergeant Meryll, 10-1 Snow Lady, Stay Low, 14-1 Spitzabit, 16-1 Nawwar.

1986: EASTER HOUSE 7-13 W Ryan (100-30) H Cecil 5 ran

FORM **SANSIYA** is becoming disappointing, though not a forlorn hope judged on 2l Newbury 2nd (8-7) to Leyali (8-12) (7f, £4513, good to firm, Aug 15, 16 ran).

SLEUTH looks well treated for first run in a handicap on form shown in 1m maidens in July, going down by a short head (9-0) to Just Mine (8-11) at Newmarket on first occasion (£3438, good, Jly 17, 11 ran).

NATIVE DRESS (9-6) had tough and consistent **SERGEANT MERYLL** (7-13) a neck behind when 1½l 2nd to Grundy's Flame (8-3) at Kempton (7f, £3238, good, Sept 4, 19 ran).

NATIVE DRESS (8-7) had earlier won at Brighton the previous week, with **STRATHBLANE** (8-12) beaten 7l into 4th (7f, £3987, good, Aug 27, 7 ran).

SNOW LADY, behind over 6f, had run 1½l 3rd to Segovian (7-12) at Brighton (7f, £2998, firm, Aug 5, 8 ran).

Selection: SLEUTH

3.0 CHROMACOPY HANDICAP STAKES (£3,830: 5f) (8 runners)

BBC 1

301	(7)	120000	RESPECT 14 (CD,F,G) (R Richmond-Watson) D Laing 4-9-10	G Starkey	95
302	(1)	441301	DURHAM PLACE 12 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs N Myers) K Brassey 5-9-7 (7lb ex)	R Hills	91
304	(6)	004203	MERRYMOLES 15 (B,CD,G,S) (A Bingley) M McCourt 4-8-7	R Wernham	94
305	(4)	000000	COPPERMILL LAD 33 (C,D,BF,F,S) (Mrs J Sargood) L Holt 4-8-4	N Adams	87
306	(2)	021242	MICRO LOVE 12 (D,F) (J Stafford) H O'Neill 3-8-1	M Marshall (7)	● 99
307	(3)	24-0020	PENDOR DANCER 15 (V,D,BF,F,G) (W Patterson) J Berry 4-7-11	N Carlisle	94
309	(8)	40-0224	EECEE TREE 12 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs P Garner) J Sutcliffe 5-7-8	S Dawson	95
312	(5)	313-000	NATIVE RULER 11 (D,F,G) (A Richards) C Austin 6-7-7	J Quinn (5)	73

BETTING: 3-1 Micro Love, 7-2 Durham Place, 9-2 Respect, 6-1 Eecee Tree, 13-2 Merrymoles, 7-1 Pendor Dancer, 16-1 Native Ruler, 20-1 Coppermill Lad.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM **RESPECT** has run moderately in handicaps since (9-0) a 4½l 6th to Singing Steven (8-13) here (5f, £22184, good to firm, Jly 30, 9 ran).

DURHAM PLACE (8-8) picked up a 7lb penalty when beating **MICRO LOVE** (8-1) 2l at Epsom (5f, £7674, good, Aug 31, 10 ran), with **EECEE TREE** (9-7) another 1½l back in 4th.

EECEE TREE (8-4) beaten a neck by Duffer's Dancer (7-13) over course and distance, with **MERRYMOLES** (9-3) ½l away 3rd and **PENDOR DANCER** (8-4) further 2½l back in 6th (5f, £3077, good, Aug 28, 15 ran).

PENDOR DANCER ran a better race when 1l 2nd (8-5) to The *Mechanic* (8-1) at Newbury, 3l ahead of **MICRO LOVE** (8-11) who was 4th (5f, £4162, good to firm, Aug 15, 17 ran).

Selection: MICRO LOVE

3.30 OXO HANDICAP STAKES (Amateurs: £2,554: 1m) (17 runners)

404	(3)	003000	HAY STREET 17 (F,G) (Mrs J Curson) R Champion 6-11-7	M Curson (5)	98
405	(17)	2/000-20	SHAKANA 12 (Miss K Rausing) R J Houghton 4-11-4	Gale Johnson Houghton	93
406	(9)	201110	COURT TOWN 16 (D,BF,F,G) R Hannon 4-11-3	Elizabeth Gandolfo (5)	96
408	(13)	0-00	MAHAFEL 95 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-10-13	T Thomson Jones	—
410	(15)	000-000	REGAL RHYTHM 21 (D Clark) W Wightman 3-10-7	Ann Clark (5)	88
414	(14)	000400-	ADBURY 336 (R Bishop & Son Ltd) R Smyth 4-10-5	Elaine Bronson (5)	94
415	(5)	000110	RHAPSODY IN BLACK 45 (D,BF,F,G,S) (M Ryan) M Ryan 4-10-5	Maureen Howes	98
417	(2)	00300/1	VAGABUNDO 152 (S) (Mrs T Baron) M Ryan 6-10-4	J Ryan	91
418	(16)	0000-00	OUT OF HARMONY 8 (F) (Mrs J Jackson) C Horgan 4-10-4	Celia Radband (5)	—
419	(4)	3031-00	HEATHGRIFF 63 (D,F) (J Livock) D R Tucker 5-10-3	Jane Southall (5)	83
422	(6)	00-0000	TOP ROW 116 (J Zochonis) A W Jones 4-10-1	—	87
425	(8)	0-00000	HEAVENLY HARMONY 25 (B) (Mrs Gordon) R Smyth 3-9-11	Yvonne Haynes (5)	—
427	(7)	000000	PEANDAY 19 (F,G,S) (A Speyer) H Beasley 6-9-9	Clare Nicholas (5)	91
428	(10)	00-0030	CHERRY GLORY 78 (Miss M Watanabe) W Wightman 4-9-7	G Kille (5)	● 99
429	(11)	000000	MONTICELLI 19 (S) (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 7-9-7	—	91
431	(12)	00-0241	KARAMANAD 38 (F) (J Hopton) D Grissell 5-9-6	Dana Grissell	92
433	(1)	000000-	LINTON STARCHY 346 (F Keane) J O'Donoghue 6-9-0	Mandy Langton	—

BETTING: 9-2 Mahafel, 6-1 Karamanad, Vagabundo, 7-1 Rhapsody In Black, Shakana, 15-2 Court Town, 8-1 Regal Rhythm, 9-1 Cherry Glory, 12-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.0 EBF GOLDINGS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,106: 7f) (16 runners)

501	(1)	BOLD STRANGER (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0	N Carlisle	—
502	(2)	BUDDY (J Brody) G Harwood 9-0	G Starkey	—
503	(3)	*CINNAMON REEF (G Strawbridge) I Balding 9-0*	J Matthias	—
504	(11)	CLIFTON CHAPEL (C Cyzer) M Usher 9-0	—	—
508	(6)	LORD GRAMY (Mrs V Gaucci del Bono) J Dunlop 9-0	B Rouse	—
509	(8)	LOREN'S COURAGE (S Lyon) G Harwood 9-0	N Adams	—
510	(7)	MAIN OBJECTIVE (Mrs A Chapman) L Cumani 9-0	R Guest	—
511	(4)	MAN ALONE (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 9-0	Paul Eddery	—
513	(12)	MIGHTY FALCON (R Tory) D Elsworth 9-0	S Dawson	—
514	(9)	MONARCH'S PLEASURE (J Williamson) R Williams 9-0	—	—
515	(15)	MY MALLET (N Goymer) Miss B Sanders 9-0	W Newnes	—
516	(10)	NAHASH (Sheikh A F Al-Thani) M Blanshard 9-0	D J Williams (5)	—
519	(13)	REGGAE BEAT (B Warsford) R Williams 9-0	R Hills	—
520	(5)	SETTLEMENT (The Queen) I Balding 9-0	R Lines (3)	—
521	(16)	SUKAAB (S Wick) L Piggott 9-0	T Lucas	—
523	(14)	CHARME THE NICKLE (Mrs V Gaucci del Bono) J Dunlop 8-9	B Proctor	—

BETTING: 9-4 Buddy, 4-1 Charme The Nickle, 5-1 Man Alone, 6-1 Cinnamon Reef, 7-1 Lord Gramy, Main Objective, 8-1 Sukaab, 10-1 others.

1986: TRUE GENT 9-0 P Robinson (9-1) J Dunlop 15 ran

4.30 PILLEY GREEN MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £959: 6f) (13 runners)

603	(6)	0-23	MUNADHIL 12 (W Haggas) W Haggas 9-0	R Hills	92
605	(1)	302202	SUPER LUNAR 14 (J Mitchell) R Sheather 9-0	W Newnes	● 99
606	(4)	0	TOTLEY BROOK 145 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-0	G Starkey	—
607	(13)	000	ACROW FOOL 25 (W De Vigier) D Elsworth 8-11	Paul Eddery	—
609	(3)	0	BENARES 25 (Capt J Macdonald-Buchanan) D Laing 8-11	S Dawson	—
612	(9)	004400	GOODNIGHT MASTER 47 (A Russell) A Moore 8-11	B Rouse	50
613	(8)	0	JENNY MERE 74 (Mrs J Hislop) C Brittain 8-11	R Guest	—
615	(5)	2-4	MRS DARLING 19 (Lord Porchester) W Hastings-Bass 8-11	R Lines (3)	82
616	(10)	0343	PINEY RIVER 7 (G Strawbridge) I Balding 8-11	J Matthias	98
617	(7)	00	SAYEILA 4 (D King) R Simpson 8-11	J Curant	—
618	(12)	300000	SEMIS 89 (H Saunders) P Arthur 8-11	D Price	84
619	(2)	0	SPRING GEM 40 (A Reynolds) P Arthur 8-11	N Adams	—
621	(11)	00	UPHOLDER 15 (Mrs M Simpson) M Usher 8-11	—	—

BETTING: 9-4 Super Lunar, 7-2 Piney River, 9-2 Munadhil, 5-1 Totley Brook, 7-1 Mrs Darling, 9-1 Jenny Mere, 12-1 others.

1986: MUHTARIS 9-0 B Rouse (5-1) C Benstead 9 ran

5.0 CARNES SEAT NURSERY HANDICAP STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,140: 7f) (11 runners)

3	(6)	0042	BLUE ENSIGN 75 (C Southgate) P Cundell 9-7	N Adams	88
5	(4)	4003	ALIPURA 26 (Mrs R Allsopp) D Laing 9-1	W Newnes	91
7	(6)	0430	SAYANT 14 (G Johnson) N Vigors 8-12	S Dawson	92
9	(3)	010300	FABLED ORATOR 30 (F) (Mrs L Davies) R Hannon 8-10	J Matthias	98
10	(1)	440110	VALUED COLLECTION 7 (D,BF,F,G) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 8-7	J Curant	89
11	(2)	004	DEBDEN 26 (D Cock) R Hannon 8-7	B Rouse	82
12	(11)	*0320*	*GORKY PARK 23 (T Ellis) P Haslam 8-6*	D J Williams (5)	82
13	(5)	2400	Y V TUCKER 11 (B) (Sir G White) M Stoute 8-6	G Starkey	98
15	(7)	21210	TEAR IT DOWN 11 (B,F,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 8-2	R Wernham	89
16	(10)	040000	CHAMPAGNE DANCER 21 (Champagne Racing Ltd) M Usher 7-13	R Hills	● 99
17	(9)	014410	KETTI 26 (F,S) (J Lister) D Grissell 7-12	J Quinn (5)	88

BETTING: 5-2 Y V Tucker, 5-1 Fabled Orator, 6-1 Blue Ensign, Gorky Park, 7-1 Tear It Down, Valued Collection, 8-1 Sayant, 9-1 Alipura, 12-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
L Cumani	24	81	29.6	G Starkey	44	199	22.1
G Harwood	58	218	26.6	Paul Eddery	7	60	11.7
M Stoute	23	104	22.1				
W Hern	29	144	20.1				
M Ryan	6	38	15.8				
I Balding	14	117	12.0				

Only qualifiers

CHEPSTOW

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Lynsdale Boy. 2.15 Rock Chanteur. 2.45 Sonilla. 3.15 Plantation. 3.45 Mendip Star. 4.15 Dacrolan. 4.45 Charmed Prince. 5.15 Far Top.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Girotondo. 3.15 Plantation. 3.45 Docksider. 5.15 Far Top.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.45 Unpaid Member.

Going: good **Draw: high numbers best**

1.45 HEATHER SELLING STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: *£847: 7f) (14 runners)*

2	0103	LYNSDALE BOY 8 (D,BF,F) C Tinkler 9-4	M Wood 6
9		BUT FOR BARNEY D Wintle 8-13	C McNamee 11
16	4000	LAPITHOS DANCER 49 J Davies 8-13	L Ashworth (7) 9
17	040	L'ECU 63 R Simpson 8-13	S Whitworth 14
20	0	LOOSE FLING 46 J Mackie 8-13	D Nicholls 4
23	1403	MICHELLE MY GIRL 8 (D,G) N Tinkler 8-13	S Perks 13
27	2000	NORE HILL 35 (B) M Blanshard 8-13	C Rutter 10
35	4000	WOTSORTAMAN 21 (B) R Hannon 8-13	L Jones (5) 12
38	0000	BLESSED LADY 31 C Hill 8-8	T Quinn 8
39	00	BRIANSTAN ROSE 72 W Brooks 8-8	J Carter (5) 2
41	000	COSMIC LADY 32 M Usher 8-8	A McGlone 3
48	0	LUTINETTE 17 M Usher 8-8	M Wigham 1
51	0	MISS DIONYSOS 8 J Cosgrave 8-8	A Proud 5
57	0	SAYYAF'S DAUGHTER 8 M Brittain 8-8	A Bacon (7) 7

2-1 L'Ecu, 9-2 Lynsdale Boy, 6-1 Wotsortaman, Michelle My Girl, 8-1 Nore Hill, 10-1 Blessed Lady, 16-1 others

2.15 BRECON APPRENTICE STAKES (Div I: £1,043: 1m 2f) (16)

1	000-	CAMPUS BOY 341 (D,G) R Juckes 6-9-0	A Juckes (7) 4
3	00	PENSION PLAN 54 M Eckley 5-8-9	G Athanasiou (3) 14
4	0/00	THEODAS 145 L Cottrell 6-8-9	T Lang (3) 16
5	03-0	TROJAN GOD 166 J Ffitch-Heyes 5-8-9	— 11
7	343-	WINTER HAVEN 361 J Baker 4-8-9	S Hill (3) 6
9	0193	DESIGN WISE 8 (D,F) A Ingham 3-8-5	Abigail Richards (3) 7
10	0441	GIROTONDO 28 (F,G) L Cumani 3-8-5	C Rate (3) 3
11	2140	JASON'S QUEST 24 (F) B Hills 3-8-5	L Riggio (3) 12
12	-412	ROCK CHANTEUR 113 (D,BF,F) C Nelson 3-8-5	C Rosier (7) 8
15	-023	BIRWAZ 63 (BF) P Cole 3-8-0	S Miller (3) 5
17	-000	COMBINED EXERCISE 89 R Akehurst 3-8-0	J Adams (3) 15
20	0040	PLAN OF ATTACK 11 F H Lee 3-8-0	R Lappin 10
23	0	UNITYFARM OLTOWNER 28 P J Hobbs 3-8-0	A Tucker (3) 9
27	0	FIRST TIME OVER 11 M Prescott 3-7-11	P Barnard (3) 2
28	00-	GRANNY TAKESA TRIP 432 Mrs N Smith 3-7-11	Dana Mellor (3) 1
31	00	WYCOMBE LADY 21 J Mackie 3-7-11	J Carr 13

9-4 Rock Chanteur, 3-1 Girotondo, 7-2 Jason's Quest, 7-1 Birwaz, 10-1 Plan Of Attack, 12-1 First Time Over, 14-1 others.

2.45 SATZENBRAU DIAT PILS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £1,819: 5f) (11)

1	1110	SONILLA 30 (CD,F,S) R Holder 9-7	A Dicks 3
2	3330	VERY SPECIAL LADY 14 (D,F) A Ingham 9-1	R Curant 10
5	224	MY DIAMOND RING 110 M Usher 8-9	M Wigham 6
6	2030	CHUMMY'S GREAT 19 (B,BF) J Sutcliffe 8-9	T Williams 8
8	4441	MERE MELODY 12 (G) M Brittain 8-6 (9ex)	A Bacon (7) 7
14	300	DUNBALLY 25 R Hannon 7-12	A Boxhall (5) 1
15	2210	UCANBID 19 (V,D,F) B Stevens 7-12	A Mackay 5
18	3024	NEAT STYLE 12 R Hollinshead 7-8	G Hind (7) 9
19	4034	PEACONPALA 17 (F) Miss A King 7-7	Dale Gibson (7) 2
21	3000	LITTLE BENJIE 17 J Holt 7-7	R Street 4
22	0300	STOCKADE 35 (B) M Blanshard 7-7	R Fox 11

7-2 Sonilla, 9-2 Ucanbid, 6-1 My Diamond Ring, Dunbally, Chummy's Great, 7-1 Mere Melody, 10-1 Neat Style, Very Special Lady, 12-1 others.

3.15 BLACK CAT STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,771: 7f) (8)

2	11	PHAROAH'S PRIDE 36 (D,F,G) H Cecil 9-8	W Ryan 3
5	4133	PLANTATION 30 (D,BF,G) M Stoute 9-5	A Kimberley 5
9	000	BAY TALK 26 J Bosley 9-0	R Fox 2
14	000	ESPRIT DE FEU 15 M McCormack 9-0	M Wigham 7
17	0	NUDGE DOUBLE UP 49 J Edwards 9-0	A McGlone 4
18	0	*PATRICK JAMES 14 (B) M Smyly 9-0*	*R Curant 1*
22		UP-A-POINT F H Lee 8-10	S Perks 6
23	03	ANHAAR 19 J Dunlop 8-9	G Sexton 8

10-11 Pharaoh's Pride, 5-4 Plantation, 12-1 Anhaar, 20-1 Esprit De Feu, 33-1 Patrick James, 50-1 others.

3.45 HARP LAGER CUP HANDICAP (£3,178: 1m 2f) (16)

1	0100	DOCKSIDER 16 (C,D,G,S) A Stewart 4-9-10	W Ryan 13
5	0223	MAKSAB 16 (B) J Dunlop 3-8-12	T Quinn 12
8	1000	PORTOGON 12 (F,G,S) M Usher 9-8-10	D McKay 10
9	0120	AUCTION TIME 33 (D,S) R Akehurst 4-8-9	T Williams 8
10	0003	MAILMAN 14 (D,BF,F,G,S) I Balding 8-8-9	S O'Gorman (7) 1
13	1040	RAPID LAD 16 (D,F,G) J Spearing 9-8-7	D Nicholls 4
18	0400	KING TEFKROS 45 (D,S) M Tompkins 4-8-1	A Mackay 15
23	0020	FOOTSTOOL 22 D A Wilson 4-7-12	N Howe 6
24	3320	BOLD ARCHER 37 (D,F) M Fetherston-Godley 4-7-11	P Barnard (7) 7
25	1032	BWANA KALI 7 (D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-7-10	G Hind (7) 5
26	3000	FAR TOO RICH 47 M Smyly 3-7-10	R Fox 3
27	0001	MENDIP STAR 11 (B,D,F,G) M Pipe 3-7-10	E Johnson 11
28	0000	UNPAID MEMBER 49 J Sutcliffe 3-7-9	B Crossley 16
29	2404	STONEBROKER 12 (D,G) D Haydn Jones 5-7-9	— 14
30	3004	GIVING IT ALL AWAY 33 (F) H Beasley 4-7-9	C Rutter 9
31	0100	LONGSTOP 50 (BF,F,G) P Makin 5-7-8	— 2

4-1 Mendip Star, 5-1 Docksider, 6-1 Rapid Lad, 8-1 Longstop, 9-1 Maksab, Stonebroker, 10-1 others.

4.15 HEATHER SELLING STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £845: 7f) (14)

1	4100	LEAD ON HENRY 8 (G) C Tinkler 9-4	S Perks 14
3	4100	SWAYED ASHORE 11 (F) K White 9-4	V Smith (5) 3
15	0000	HEAD OF DEFENCE 11 (V) R Holder 8-13	A Dicks 6
18	0000	L G'S PRIDE 8 (B) P Burgoyne 8-13	T Quinn 12
19	0040	LIFE AND SOUL 21 Mrs J Ramsden 8-13	D Nicholls 11
25	1320	MINI MYRA 17 (G) M Hinchliffe 8-13	R Fox 13
29	000	PHILIPPONNAT BRUT 96 M Usher 8-13	M Wigham 10
30	00	RAMROD 36 B Stevens 8-13	A Mackay 5
36		ANN BOLEYN M Usher 8-8	D McKay 8
37	P0	BATCHWORTH DANCER 28 M Brittain 8-8	A Bacon (7) 9
42	000	DACROLAN 25 D A Wilson 8-8	W Ryan 4
44	004	DUHALLOW BREGEAN 36 (B) R Hannon 8-8	L Jones 2
45	4000	ENCHANTING POL 96 (B) P Cundell 8-8	A McGlone 1
52	0000	MISS TORPEDO 21 (B) K Brassey 8-8	E Johnson 7

9-4 Lead On Henry, 3-1 Duhallow Bregean, 7-2 Swayed Ashore, 5-1 Mini Myra, 10-1 Life And Soul, 14-1 others.

4.45 RABBIT'S FOOT HANDICAP (£2,239: 1m) (23)

3	/000	SPRING PASTURES 8 (F,S) L Barratt 6-9-10	A Proud 2
6	0000	READY WIT 16 (V,D,F,G,S) R Hannon 6-9-7	T Quinn 14
7	0000	YUVRAJ 8 (B) G Lewis 3-9-6	G Sexton 17
12	300-	MERHI 379 W Holden 4-9-2	R Morse 9
13	0100	CLOUDLESS SKY 25 (D,F,G) P Howling 4-9-2	R Fox 7
14	00-0	RUE ST JACQUES 170 B Smart 4-9-0	R Curant 13
15	0F0/	DORSET VENTURE 739 (D,F,G,S) B Morgan 6-8-13	S Whitworth 20
16	4220	KAMARESS 8 (F,G) M Brittain 5-8-12	A Bacon (7) 15
18	0-00	DARK ROSAAN 26 H Candy 3-8-11	J Carter (5) 4
25	0000	PERSIAN AIR 26 M Blanshard 4-8-3	N Howe 5
26	0001	CHARMED PRINCE 11 (B,CD,F) D Laing 3-8-2 (6ex)	C Rutter 8
27	1003	PERSIAN DYNASTY 28 (D,F) M Usher 3-8-1	D McKay 16
28	-000	REMINISCING 8 D Elsworth 4-8-0	T Williams 18
29	-300	MONINSKY 24 (F,S) M Hinchliffe 6-8-0	P Hamblett 10
30	00-0	FLEET BAY 54 (F) T Hallett 7-7-13	— 3
31	2413	COOL ENOUGH 21 (F,S) (D) Mrs J Ramsden 6-7-13	S Buckton 21
32	0203	DECCAN PRINCE 30 C Hill 3-7-12	A McGlone 12
34	1323	VIA VITAE 11 (S) R Hollinshead 5-7-8	G Hind (7) 11
35	0-00	JETMORE 22 R Hannon 3-7-8	E Johnson 1
36	0000	AKROTIRI BAY 19 (D,F) J Holt 3-7-8	R Street 19
38	2-00	DANRIBO 98 L Cottrell 4-7-7	T Lang (7) 6
40	0000	MISS LAWSUIT 47 L Cottrell 3-7-7	A Mackay 23
41	0000	FIRST AVENUE 19 (V) P Arthur 3-7-7	P Barnard (7) 22

5-1 Charmed Prince, 11-2 Via Vitae, 6-1 Persian Dynasty, 7-1 Cool Enough, 8-1 Deccan Prince, 10-1 others

5.15 BRECON APPRENTICE STAKES (Div II: £997: 1m 2f) (8)

1	00-0	CRADLE OF JAZZ 8 (G) J Old 7-9-0	D Kent (7) 1
2	10/0	FULL PURSUIT 8 (G) R Holder 6-9-0	Sue Evans (7) 5
3	0000	SHALLAAL 122 (F) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-9-0	— 2
8	02	FAR TOP 14 W Haggas 4-8-6	L Dettori 7
9	0220	NERO 42 (S) L Piggott 3-8-5	NON-RUNNER 4
10		BUCKET SHOP B Smart 3-8-0	A Tucker (3) 8
15	0004	GRAND ESPOIR 37 (B) D Haydn Jones 3-7-11	P John 3
20	02	TAUNSA 11 (BF) B Hills 3-7-11	R Lappin 6

2-1 Taunsa, 11-4 Far Top, 4-1 Grand Espoir, 6-1 Full Pursuit, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: H Cecil, 10 winners from 16 runners, 62.5%; M Prescott, 11 from 41, 26.8%; I Balding, 10 from 46, 21.7%; J Dunlop, 10 from 48, 20.8%; J Bosley, 5 from 27, 18.5%; P Cole, 12 from 67, 17.9%.

JOCKEYS: T Quinn, 11 winners from 63 rides, 17.5%. (Only qualifier).

WORCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Walmer Sands. 2.45 Up Cooke. 3.15 High Renown. 3.45 Juvenile Prince. 4.15 Right Card. 4.45 Arctic Cavalier. 5.15 Tebitto.

Going: firm

2.15 BLACKPOLE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£668: 2m) (12 runners)

1	/412	DOUBLE OPTION 12 (D,F) J Davies 6-11-10	R Chapman
2	0F40	HADDAK 7 (F) (B,CD) B Palling 6-11-9	C Evans
3	003-	COLONEL POPSKI 110 (D,F) J Mackie 5-11-8	A Webb
5	040-	LEE'S DOMINION 117 R O'Sullivan 4-10-13	M Kinane
6	-P02	WALMER SANDS 9 B Preece 5-10-11	P Scudamore
7	-0F3	ASTON BANK 11 (B) D Wintle 6-10-10	A Carroll
8	00/B	MUSICAL WILL 21 F Jordan 5-10-9	C Smith
10	0P0-	OUR TILLY 145 J Baker 4-10-6	M Williams
11	P-40	BERNIGRA GIRL 8 Mrs A Knight 4-10-5	George Knight
13	00/3-	HILL'S ROCKET 351 G Price 5-10-5	C Price
15	-004	GILLIE'S WAFFLE 7 J Cosgrave 6-10-5	T Penfield (7)
17	-002	SHERWOOD FOREST 3 (B) J Sayers 5-10-5	H Davies

11-4 Walmer Sands, 7-2 Lee's Dominion, 4-1 Aston Bank 6-1 Double Option, 8-1 Hill's Rocket, 10-1 Haddak.

2.45 HENWICK NOVICES CHASE (£1,592: 2m)

1	P-13	ASMID 14 (B,CD,F,S) Mrs J Chadwick 8-11-11	J Duggan
2	0-1	ROYAL BAIZE 12 (F,S) J Baker 9-11-11	M Williams
3	000-	ADMIRABLE CRICHTON 280 D R Tucker 6-11-4	S McNeill
5	003/	DRUM MAKER 479 (F,G) B Forsey 7-11-4	P Croucher
6	000-	FLEXIBLE FRIEND 135 J Fox 7-11-4	B Powell
9	0P0/	LUMINIST 495 G Yardley 7-11-4	W McFarland (7)
12	34-2	NEEDWOOD LEADER 10 J Bradley 6-11-4	G Davies
13	F-0U	NEW HALEN 14 A James 6-11-4	J Bryan
14	4UF-	NEW SONG 193 M Oliver 8-11-4	R Rowe
15	0	O K SON 12 K Wingrove 8-11-4	W Worthington
18	40-3	SMART MART 14 F Yardley 8-11-4	M Price (7)
19	PPB-	WINTER MEASURE 105 (F,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-4	B de Haan
20	00-0	CASTANHEIRO 30 B Cambidge 5-11-2	P Dever
21	P-4U	SAINT MALO 8 M McCourt 5-11-2	G McCourt
22	00-F	ZIGUINCHOR 35 J Sayers 5-11-2	H Davies
24		LITTLE MEMBER R Barton 7-10-13	R Dunwoody
25	P-	NITTY'S GIRL 115 C Loggin 11-10-13	Mr A Tutton
26	210-	UP COOKE 110 (F,S) M Pipe 6-10-13	P Scudamore

9-4 Up Cooke, 3-1 Royal Baize, 9-2 Winter Measure, 6-1 Asmid, 8-1 Needwood Leader, 10-1 Smart Mart.

3.15 ERNEST HAWKESFORD HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,839: 3m) (12)

1	300-	HIGH RENOWN 150 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Jenkins 7-12-0	S Sherwood
6	321-	ROYAL CHARGE 113 (F,S) D Wellcome 6-10-4	M Bastard
7	-001	GALAWOOD 12 (CD,F,G,S) J Parkes 6-10-4 (4ex)	N Doughty
8	001	LITTLE LONDON 21 (B,D,F,G) T Morton 8-10-3	Mrs T Nicholls (4)
9	20	SAB-AN 15 Mrs S Oliver 6-10-0	R Hyett
13	30F-	BRYMA 121 (S) B Palling 7-10-0	C Evans
15	030-	BALLYGLUNIN 105 (F) A Denson 7-10-0	R Goldstein
17	-P00	WINDRUSH SONG 21 (F) (C) M McCormack 6-10-0	R Dunwoody
18	-01U	CHARLTON KINGS 7 (BF,F,G) F Jordan 4-10-0	C Smith
19	032P	TAN BIT 2 W G Turner 5-10-0	Tracy Turner (7)
20	0-01	FLORI WONDER 12 (C,F,G) J Davies 7-10-0	—
21	-P00	SPARKLER SUPERB 12 (B,F) P Pritchard 10-10-0	D Chinn

3-1 Galawood, 4-1 High Renown, 5-1 Little London, 6-1 Charlton Kings, 8-1 Bryma, 10-1 Royal Charge.

3.45 COVENTRY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,888: 2m 4f) (9)

4	332-	ISHKOMANN 280 (CD,F,G,S) J Spearing 8-11-10	P Scudamore
5	-111	JUVENILE PRINCE 8 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Oliver 9-11-5 (7ex)	B Powell
6	001-	FOOT STICK 129 (F,S) R Barber 11-11-3	Miss V Williams (7)
7	2-13	MARANZI 26 (CD,F,G,S) J Colston 9-11-1	C Smith
9	0U0-	SILENT ECHO 105 (C,F,G,S) A Blackmore 12-11-0	R Dunwoody
10	0F-3	TIERENEE 7 (D,F,S) T Bill 9-10-12	R Crank
11	00-0	CRESUN 12 (G,S) Mrs L Clay 8-10-11	R Rowe
14	U4-4	THE FLOORLAYER 12 (D,F,S) J Baker 9-10-3	M Williams
16	340-	WEE WILLIAM 270 (F,G,S) J Bradley 10-10-0	G Davies

5-2 Ishkomann, 7-2 Juvenile Prince, 4-1 The Floorlayer, 6-1 Foot Stick, 8-1 Maranzi, 10-1 Tierenee, 12-1 others.

4.15 BROMSGROVE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,040: 3m) (5)

2	43-1	RIGHT CARD 21 (CD,F,G,S) P Bailey 9-11-10	B Powell
3	F12-	SIR BADSWORTH 108 (F,G) T Laxton 9-11-7	M Dwyer
6	4404	NORTHERN BAY 133 (F,G,S) T Bill 11-10-12	—
7	21-3	TARQOGAN'S BEST 15 (F,S) R Peacock 7-10-12	P Scudamore
10	34-4	BASHFUL LAD 7 (CD,F,G,S) M Oliver 12-10-8	R Rowe

6-4 Northern Bay, 5-2 Sir Badsworth, 4-1 Right Card, 6-1 Bashful Lad, 10-1 Tarqogan's Best.

4.45 HALLOW NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m) (13)

1	340-	ARCTIC CAVALIER 193 Mrs J Pitman 5-11-2	B de Haan
2		DOLBEN BOY 12 P Pritchard 6-11-2	D Chinn
4	0	KALA PANI 12 (V) S Dow 5-11-2	R Guest (4)
7	00F-	*LONDON WINDOWS 140 D Thom 5-11-2*	*Mr A Hambly*
11	000-	UNIHOC 145 W Morris 8-11-2	W Morris
12	02-0	WILSARUTH 7 D Burchell 5-11-2	D J Burchell (7)
13	4P-1	CUPIDS BOWER 14 (F) Mrs S Oliver 4-10-11	W Hayes (7)
14	0-0	RYDWELLS-STAR 38 B Forsey 8-10-11	N Coleman
15	0-PP	MAGPIE BERTIE 8 Mrs S Oliver 4-10-9	R Hyett
16	0-04	MAX CLOWN 12 F Jackson 4-10-9	K Burke (4)
18	0	FAR TOO BUSY 29 A Denson 4-10-4	P Dever
19		NATIVE TUNE J Harriman 4-10-4	N Coleman
20		PRINCESS RYMER T Bill 4-10-4	N Fearn (7)

11-10 Cupids Bower, 5-2 Arctic Cavalier, 6-1 Max Clown, 8-1 Unihoc, 10-1 Princess Rymer, 14-1 Native Tune, 16-1 others.

5.15 HALLOW NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m) (10)

2	200-	FLEET BAY 214 T Hallett 7-11-2	NON-RUNNER
3		FLOMEGAS DAY (B) R Peacock 5-11-2	S J O'Neill
6	0-23	RIVER TROUT 5 C Trietline 6-11-2	S Earle
9	40-1	WALCISIN 12 (F) J Baker 4-11-2	M Williams
10	/3-0	MISS APEX 7 Mrs M Jackson 5-10-11	R Crank
12	*BP0-*	*GANOON 245 J Jenkins 4-10-9*	S Sherwood
14	000-	MAJESTERIUM 114 Miss E Sneyd 4-10-9	B Powell
16	0	SECLUSIVE 18 R Gow 4-10-9	R Rowe
17		TEBITTO A Turnell 4-10-9	Steve Knight
20		WOLVER DANCER A Denson 4-10-4	R Goldstein

15-8 Walcisin, 9-4 River Trout, 4-1 Ganoon, 6-1 Tebitto, 10-1 Fleet Bay, 14-1 Wolver Dancer, 16-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Jenkins, 34 winners from 132 runners, 25.8%; B Forsey, 6 from 32, 18.8%; J Spearing, 12 from 72, 16.7%; M Pipe, 8 from 62, 12.9%; J Bradley, 6 from 96, 6.3%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: S Sherwood, 21 winners from 69 rides, 30.4%; P Scudamore, 40 from 252, 15.9%; H Davies, 32 from 214, 15.0%; R Dunwoody, 13 from 114, 11.4%; G McCourt, 13 from 117, 11.1%; A Webb, 11 from 110, 10.0%.

FOOTBALL

Sharp joins injury list as Southall plays his first game

By Clive White

The interminable misfortune that **Everton** have suffered with injuries could reach a new critical level today when the champions face the prospect of taking the field against **Luton Town** at Kenilworth Road with only one fit recognized forward, Adrian Heath, and he himself will be returning from injury for his first game of the season.

Sharp is the latest casualty in something approaching epidemic proportions at Goodison Park. He has submitted to a knee injury after week-long treatment and Everton could be without Clarke as well. He will be given one last minute chance to prove his recovery from a thigh injury received against Tottenham Hotspur last week.

Hence the efforts of Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, this week to sign Peter Davenport from Manchester United. Davenport was the chief target of Howard Kendall when he was manager even before the hugely successful capture of Lineker.

Sharp becomes the ninth Everton player this season, after just six games, to pull out *through injury and raises* again serious questions about the training methods adopted by the club.

Last season the club's excellent resources were stretched to the limit while Sheedy, Reid, Bracewell, Van den Hauwe, Southall, Watson, Sharp, Stevens, Mountfield and Pointon all underwent lengthy convalescence. Yet, almost unbelievably, Everton still won the title.

This season, with less serious though numerous injuries, they are finding it harder to establish a winning rhythm.

Kevin Ratcliffe, the captain, remarked yesterday: "Last season we could adjust to the absenteeism because we knew where we stood. But this season we're chopping and *changing every week.*"

Ratcliffe refuted that there was anything wrong with their training, saying: "You can't put it down to that. They're not doing anything too hard and we train on grass so it can't be the surface. We've had Achilles, ankles, knees, thighs: you name it, we've had it. It's just bad luck."

Ratcliffe particularly bemoaned the absence of Power, which has left them looking unbalanced on the left flank in the prolonged absence of Sheedy.

They will be keeping their fingers crossed that nothing untoward befalls any of them today on Luton's unforgiving plastic surface.

Boldly, Harvey has chosen this game to bring back Southall in place of Mimms for his first club game of the season after a knee operation at the end of last season.

But an even more difficult selection poser confronts John Hollins, the **Chelsea** manager, who must decide between Dixon and Kevin Wilson as to who partners Durie in attack against **Queen's Park Rangers**, the League leaders.

It must be disconcerting for Everton to hear the latest piece of news on the recovery rate of their natural rivals, **Liverpool**. Lawrenson, who has not played since April following an Achilles tendon operation, coincides his return to the squad with Liverpool's first home game of the season, against **Oxford United**, now that the sewers beneath the Kop have been repaired.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Liverpool v Oxford
Liverpool include Lawrenson in *their squad for the first time this* season after an Achilles tendon operation. Johnston faces a late test on a groin strain. Briggs and Shelton return for Oxford after injury as might Phillips, who has not played since May.

Luton v Everton
Southall plays his first game of the season for Everton after a knee operation, but Sharp is ruled out with a knee injury. Clarke is also doubtful. Power is still absent with knee trouble. Heath returns. Luton will be unchanged despite the midweek signing of Weir from Hibernian.

Man Utd v Newcastle
Robson may return after a thigh injury for United, with Duxbury, who *has a broken hand, reverting to* full back. Whiteside and Olsen have also recovered from knocks: Newcastle bring in Stephenson and Kelly for the injured Gascoigne and Thomas.

Norwich v Derby
Derby are considering playing Lewis in midfield while Blades and Garner are again in the squad. Putney, recovered from a broken toe, is prevented from returning for Norwich by a thigh strain. Wilson is still out with a knee injury.

QPR v Chelsea
Rangers will be unchanged; Dennis is still troubled by a knee injury. Chelsea announce the same 13 as last week.

Nottingham F v Arsenal
Arsenal add Winterburn, *Richardson and Hayes to the side* who drew at Luton 12 days ago, but are unlikely to be changed. Nicholas plays for the reserves. Forest are unchanged.

Portsmouth v Charlton
Portsmouth recall Whitehead, Sandford and Hardyman to their squad after injury. Charlton, without a point, welcome back Walsh after a stomach muscle injury.

Sheffield W v Watford
Rees, signed from Cardiff in the summer, stands by for his debut in the Watford goal as Coton has a cold. Gibbs has passed a test while Porter and Senior await theirs. Chamberlain and Marwood, the Wednesday wingers, both failed fitness tests and Hodge is still unfit; Pressman resumes.

Tottenham v So'ton
Waddle, injured playing for England in midweek is an almost certain non-starter for Tottenham, who may replace him with Metgod. Graham Baker returns after a groin strain for Southampton in an otherwize unchanged line-up.

Wimbledon v W Ham
Wimbledon's only concern is the knee injury that may prevent Gibson appearing. West Ham will select from 14 including Dickens, who has yet to start a game this season. He will have a test on a knee injury.

Testing time: Wayne Clarke faces a last-minute fitness test before today's Luton clash

MOTOR CYCLING

British tyre helps Mamola set the fastest time

From Michael Scott, Madrid

A new British tyre changed the complexion of the closing stages of the 500cc world championship battle — and the first day's practise for tomorrow's Portuguese Grand Prix underlined the point.

While the championship leader, Wayne Gardner (Rothmans Honda), had to work desperately hard in fierce heat to secure second place, his championship rival, Randy Mamola (Lucky Strike Yamaha) could afford to relax in the afternoon having already set a fastest ever qualifying time around the Jarama circuit near Madrid in the morning.

Mamola's advantage is the same that gave him a convincing victory in the San Marino GP a fortnight ago: a new rear tyre made for the Japanese-owned factory at Fort Dunlop in Birmingham, a major breakthrough after several years of Michelin domination. The slick tyre grips at least as well as the Michelins used by all other teams but, more important, lasts much longer, a crucial factor.

Mamola's Lucky Strike team, run by the former champion, Kenny Roberts, are the only Dunlop users, and what was a disadvantage at the start of the year, except in wet weather, has become a major asset.

PRACTICE TIMES (after two sessions): 1, R Mamola (US, Yamaha) 1min 28.067sec, 135.389 kph; 2, Gardner (Aus, Honda) 1min 28.162sec; 3, T Taira (Jap, Yamaha) 1min 28.434sec; 4, K Magee (Aus Yamaha) 1min 28.471sec; 5, R McElnea (GB, Yamaha) 1min 28.746sec; 6, N Mackenzie (GB, Honda) 1min 28.804 sec. Best Britons: 9, R Burnett (Honda) 1min 29.435sec; 15, R Haslam (Elf 4) 1min 30.944sec; 20, R Swann (Honda) 1min 32.15sec.

MOTOR RACING

Herbert shows class

By a Special Correspondent

Johnny Herbert seeks the final two points to clinch the Lucas British F3 championship at Spa-Francorchamps, Belgium, this weekend, fresh from a stunning performance in his first test in a Formula One car at Brands Hatch on Wednesday.

There the inexperienced Essex driver lapped a Benetton B187 Ford in 36.4sec, faster than Thierry Boutsen, the Benetton regular, managed. He also nearly matched Ayrton Senna's 36.1sec in the Lotus-Honda. However, Nigel Mansell managed 35.0sec in his first run in a Williams-Honda equipped with the active ride suspension.

"We are impressed with the way Herbert drove and with his general approach," Peter Collins, the Benetton manager, said. He would say no more, but there is speculation that Herbert may jump straight from F3 to a Grand-Prix contract.

While Herbert chases his sixth victory at Spa, Thomas Danielsson, of Sweden, Bertrand Gachot, of Belgium, and Martin Donnelly, of Ireland, are only separated by four points with two races left.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Soviet gamble to bring in heavy brigade

From Chris Thau
Ostrava, Czechoslovakia

Encouraged by the success of Sergei Li in the 82.5kg class here, the Soviet Union plans to use their heavy artillery to challenge the Bulgarian domination of the team title. Li, a Chinese soldier from Frunze, Soviet Kirkizia, brought the change in Soviet fortunes by winning their first gold of the competition.

Alexei Medvedev, the Soviet coach, is reknowned for devising winning strategies and has passed up entering lifters in several smaller divisions to use two lifters in each of the bigger classes: a group of Olympic champions and world record-holders, such as Pavel Kuznetsov, Yuri Zacharevich, Leonid Tarananko, Alexander Kurlovich.

Tomorrow in the 110kgm class, Andre Davies, aged 19, from Caldicot, attempts to build on the silver he won in the world junior championship in Belgrade earlier this year. He then broke Commonwealth records with clean-and-jerk and clean lifts in the Commonwealth championship in Canberra.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Evans a hinder and a help to Leigh's cause

By Keith Macklin

The signing of Stuart Evans by **St Helens** will seem a mixed blessing to **Leigh**, who play them in the first round of the Lancashire Cup tomorrow. The inclusion of Evans in the St Helens squad will surely boost the attendance at Hilton Park and give Leigh much needed finance. However, Leigh's worry is that the presence of £90,000 worth of 18-stone Welsh *hwyl* in the St Helens front row will boost the performance of the visitors to winning heights.

This will certainly not be in the plans of the Leigh coach, Billy Benyon, who is thirsting for revenge against St Helens: first for sacking him in favour of Alex Murphy, second for beating them in last season's Challenge Cup semi-final. However, Evans is still a novice in rugby league, despite his nine caps for Wales and his *rugby union* World Cup achievements, and St Helens are not playing convincingly at the moment. Benyon's desire could be fulfilled in one of the afternoon's surprises.

Wigan, the holders, travel to **Barrow** and may not have things all their own way. Fortunately for Wigan their injured personnel — Hanley, Stephenson, Gregory and West — are all expected to be fit.

Warrington have made a powerful start to the season and are bursting with sufficient confidence to overcome the second division promotion favourites, **Oldham**, at Wilderspool. **Widnes** should win the Cheshire derby at **Runcorn**, and **Fulham** cannot hold out too much hope at **Salford**.

In the Yorkshire Cup, **Castleford** should go through at the expense of the newly-promoted **Hunslet**, and **Leeds** will surely make home advantage count against a **Hull** side beset by injuries and player dissatisfaction. The bad start made by **Halifax** should be corrected with a home win over **Keighley**, and one of the best games of the afternoon will be on Humberside, with **Hull Kingston Rovers** taking on the confident **Bradford Northern** side.

If there is to be a surprise it could be sprung by the greatly improved **Sheffield Eagles**, who visit **Wakefield Trinity** in the midst of a good run.

RUGBY UNION: LEICESTER AND BATH UNDER SCRUTINY AT WELFORD ROAD

Reprieve for Codey and Slack

It comes as no great surprise that the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) have lifted the one-year international suspension imposed last month on their former captains, Andrew Slack and David Codey (David Hands writes). It may be that honour is satisfied on both sides: the ARU have been seen keeping faith with their stated intent and the players have the comfort of knowing that public sympathy has been on their side.

The ban was imposed after the efforts made by Slack and Codey to organise a tour to South Africa. Both players visited the republic, encouraged by the thought that certain Australian officials considered a tour was a possibility. Several players signed letters of intent but four of them, representing leading players from New South Wales and Queensland, met Dr Roger Vanderfield, the ARU president, yesterday to explain the position.

"They wanted to point out to me that the letter of intent they had signed was only on the basis of the tour proceeding if the conditions were agreeable and that it had been approved by the ARU. It wasn't an unqualified letter," Dr Vanderfield said. He added that the ARU executive committee had lifted the ban after numerous expressions of concern by players, officials and rugby supporters. Neither player was, in any case, available for next month's tour to Argentina; Slack has retired from international rugby and Codey is not available for business reasons.

The side that is touring South Africa, the South Seas Barbarians, opened their 13-match visit with a 31-6 win over South-East Transvaal and Natal (who included eight non-white and seven white players) in Witbank.

Martin postpones plans for move to back-row forward

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Leicester and Bath are used to being under the microscope; over the last decade they are, or have been, the two outstanding English clubs, their organization on and off the field subject to admiring or jealous glances. But the players in today's Courage Clubs Championship first-division match at Welford Road come under closer scrutiny than usual.

The University of Leicester is the venue for the Rugby Football Union's coaching conference this weekend and the delegates — from all four divisions — intend to break up into syndicates this afternoon to watch Leicester and Bath, returning to the university to pool their findings, make comparisons on the strengths and weaknesses of the two clubs and indicate their worth as potential national coaches and selectors.

Not that the players themselves will worry unduly about little knots of earnest discussion here and there in what is sure to be a large crowd. Bath, beaten by Pontypool last week, will seek to recover ground and have per*suaded Chris Martin to post*pone his plans to become a back-row forward because they need him in his recognized position, full back.

There may come a time this season against Harlequins when Martin might play against Andre Dent, another player who seeks to move forward from the backs, but Bath are not short of flankers — of whom Andy Robinson must surely be watched closely this season, by aspiring and actual selectors.

Simon Halliday has a strained knee ligament and his place in Bath's centre is in doubt. Not so Leicester whose captain, Paul Dodge, led from full back in midweek against Nuneaton but rejoins Ian Bates in midfield *with Les Cusworth hoping to* elude Robinson's attentions as much as possible. Two years ago in this same fixture Bath won 40-15, which was a measure of their standing on the English club scene; now, with league points at stake and reputations involved, I wonder how close the two teams will wish to keep the ball.

It will be instructive, too, to see whether clubs drop into the habit of resting their best players in between league fixtures: perhaps once the league structure at the top end is formalized, they will be inclined to do so, which will be to the benefit of both individuals and the representative teams for whom many of them will appear — not least the national side. It cannot be said often enough that the top players in England play far too much rugby.

It is the first full Saturday of league fixtures today, from the highest to the low, and the excitement is no less intense in Datchworth than at Leicester; possibly even more so since for many smaller clubs there is now a highway to success. The road show which the sponsors have dispatched round the country this last week have found enthusiasm everywhere, notably in the south-west and north.

The north, in any case, reckon they were first on the scene with the Girobank League in the north-west and it is good to see Girobank maintaining their interest with their backing of the Cumbria Cup

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Gloucester v Coventry
David Spencer joins Gloucester's back row because Ashmead is on holiday while White replaces Dunn, the injured hooker. Graham, a student at Lanchester Polytechnic, makes his debut for Coventry at centre, and Savage stays at scrum half.

Sale v Nottingham
Graham Jenion plays his first big match at full back since being injured in the divisional championship last December. Sale pair Bentley and Stansfield at centre and prefer Taylor at hooker. Northard makes his 300th appearance for Nottingham, who have Jenkins at scrum half.

L'pool-St H v Gosforth
Gosforth travel for a difficult second division match against a club fresh from scoring 30 points against another Newcastle club, Northern, last week. Curry (prop) and Briggs (wing) have both passed fitness tests and Smith comes in the back row. Liverpool play Harmes at full back and have Wellens back at centre.

Met Police v Rosslyn Pk
Richard Luddington, the former Oxford University scrum half, plays for Park with a newcomer at stand-off, Palmer, formerly of Plymouth Albion and Trojans.

Saracens v L Welsh
Saracens, unchanged since beating Headingley, give Phillips, their flanker, aged 18, a chance to keep Turner, the talented Welsh stand-off half, in check. Edwards comes into the Welsh front row, Pill is available once more on the wing and Rees — once of Bath — plays centre.

Rugby v Lichfield
This area league north encounter may indicate the prospects of both clubs for promotion this season. Rugby are without Brain, the former England hooker, until Christmas after a knee operation.

Bristol v Newport
Away from the Courage Clubs Championship, Bristol have Collings in the back row against struggling Newport whose long-serving prop, Morgan (over 470 games) may quit with a neck injury. Rogers (hooker) and Donovan (prop) both play on permit.

L Irish v Bedford
Internationals McCall and O'Driscoll join the Irish line-up and Mann plays at stand-off half, the Exiles having bid farewell to last season's vice-captain, Kuhn (headed for Zimbabwe). McCarthy gives an Irish ring to Bedford's half backs and Dunn is at centre.

Harbison forced to end career

By George Ace

Harry Harbison, Ireland's No. 1 hooker last season, is quitting. He has been undergoing intensive specialist treatment for a back injury which caused his premature return from the World Cup before a match was played.

Harbison, aged 30, a member of the Bective Rangers club, won eight caps, the first against *Wales in 1984, as a replacement* when Ciaran Fitzgerald was injured.

Ballymena will be without Rab Brady, the Ulster and former reserve Irish scrum half for today's clash against **Hawick** at Eaton Park (3.0). Brady sustained a severe grass burn during Ulster's recent tour of Zimbabwe and it has responded slowly to treatment. He is replaced by Norman Robson. Ronnie McBride was a triple fracture of the leg victim last Saturday, so Trevor Ringland continues at centre, and last season's No. 8 Brian Robinson plays on the flank in his strange-looking home side.

They appear to have it all to do against a formidable Hawick team that includes six players with international experience.

FIXTURES: Today: Ulster Club games: Ards v Academy; Civil Service v Corinthians; Dungannon v Portadown; Malone v Greystones; Terenure v CIYMS; Armagh v Waterpark; Coleraine v NIFC; Old Belvedere v Bangor; Ballymena v Hawick; City of Derry v Ballyclare; Instonians v Constitution; Queen's University v Carrick; Lisburn v Collegians.

Scot is invited

Gavin Hastings, the Scotland full back who remained in the southern hemisphere after the World Cup, has been invited to play for the Japanese President's XV against New Zealand on November 4.

Invitations have gone also to Donal Lenihan, Philip Orr and Michael Kiernan of Ireland, and Jonathan Davies and Paul Moriarty of Wales.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND'S FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League
First division
Liverpool v Oxford
Luton v Everton
Manchester Utd v Newcastle
Norwich v Derby
Nottingham F v Arsenal
Portsmouth v Charlton
QPR v Chelsea
Sheff Wed v Watford
Tottenham v Southampton
Wimbledon v West Ham

Second division
A Villa v Barnsley
Blackburn v Huddersfield
Bournemouth v Reading
C Palace v Leicester
Leeds v Hull
Millwall v Ipswich
Oldham v Sheffield Utd
Plymouth v WBA
Shrewsbury v Manchester C
Stoke v Bradford
Swindon v Birmingham

Third division
Aldershot v Brighton
Blackpool v Chester
Bristol C v Bristol R
Chesterfield v P Vale
Fulham v Gillingham
Grimsby v Mansfield
Northmpton v Notts Co
Rotherham v Walsall
Southend v Brentford
Sunderland v Bury
Wigan v Doncaster
York v Preston

Fourth division
Bolton v Halifax
Cambridge v Scunthorpe
Carlisle v Hartlepool
Colchester v Peterborough
Darlington v Scarborough
Leyton Orient v Exeter
Newport v Torquay
Rochdale v Stockport
Swansea v Hereford
Wolverhampton v Crewe
Wrexham v Cardiff

FA CUP: First qualifying round: Aveley v Bury; Basingstoke v Dulwich Hamlet; Billericay v Kingsbury; Boreham Wood v Vauxhall Motors; Bracknell v Abingdon Town; Bromley v Ashford; Calne v Oxford City; Carshalton v Kingstonian; Chertsey v Haywards Heath; Eastbourne United v Hythe; Bootle v Ashton; Chadderton v Heanor; Clitheroe v Whitley Bay; Darwen v Tow Law; Easington v Leyland Motors; Ilkston v St Helens; Rossendale v Worksop; Prescot Cables v Colwyn Bay; Warrington v Northwich Victoria. Feltham v Hayes (at Brentford FC); Gosport Borough v Yeovil; Harefield v Crockenhill; *Harlow v Woodford*; Harrow Borough v Yeading; Histon v Walthamstow Avenue; Hoddesdon v Wembley; Letchworth GC v Gorleston; Leytonstone Ilford v St Albans; Leyton-Wingate v Stevenage; Malden Vale v Witham; Metropolitan Police v Dover; Molesey v Epsom and Ewell; Pagham v Worthing; Redhill v Hornchurch; Ruislip Manor v Royston; Southwick v Croydon; Walton and Hersham v Finchley; Whyteleafe v Lancing; Windsor and Eton v Woking; Wokingham v Lewes; Arlesey v Buckingham; Desborough v Racing Club Warwick; Irthlingborough v Banbury; Rushden v Rothwell; Maesteg Park v Tiverton; Bideford v Exmouth; Sharpness v Ottery St Mary; Melksham v Wimborne; Calne v Oxford City; Frome v Weymouth; Sholing v Swanage and Herston. Radstock v Newbury; Mangotsfield v Yate; Bristol Manor Farm v Weston-super-Mare; Barry v Clevedon; Minehead v Barnstaple; Torrington v Forest Green; Merthyr Tydfil v Paulton; Taunton v Saltash; Alfreton v Witton; Eastwood *Hanley v Leek; Eastwood v Arnold*; Fleetwood v West Auckland; Irlam v Radcliffe; Netherfield v Crook; North Ferriby v Droylsden; Penrith v Brandon; Stalybridge v Macclesfield; Sutton Town v Goole; Willington v Harrogate; Wren v Farsley; Murton v Seaham Red Star; Bishop Auckland v Workington (3.15); Chester-le-Street v Consett; Blyth v Gateshead (3.15); Billingham v Bridlington; Billingham Synthonia v Alnwick; Ferryhill v Gretna; North Shields v Barrow (3.15); Ryhope CA v Ashington; Newcastle Blue Star v Morecambe; Walsall Wood v Stafford; Matlock v Gainsborough Trinity; Halesowen v Moor Green; Wisbech v Kettering; Boldmere St Michaels v Chatteris; Shepshed Charterhouse v Stourbridge; Paget v Tamworth; Hinckley v Bedworth; Halesowen v Ashtree Highfield; Wellingborough v Leicester United; Darlington CB v Shotton; South Bank v Spennymoor; Stockton v Denaby; Emley v Southport; Thackley v Guisborough; Horwich RMI v *South Liverpool; Bangor City v Marine*; Buxton v Rhyl; Hyde United v Mossley (at Curzon Ashton). Mile Oak v Brigg; Rushall v Oldbury; Friar Lane OB v Bilston; Willenhall v Bromsgrove; Sutton Coldfield v Hinckley; Atherstone v Malvern; Alvechurch v Redditch; Lye v Evesham; Leamington v Coventry Sporting; Corby v Worcester; Berhamstead v Hitchin; Witney v Barnet. Ely v Hemel Hempstead; Haverhill v Milton Keynes; King's Lynn v March; Uxbridge v Barking; Clapton v Great Yarmouth; Cambridge City v Harwich; Canvey Island v Baldock; Stowmarket v Dunstable; Ware v Hendon; Braintree v Sudbury; Aylesbury v Wycombe Wanderers; Grays v Hertford; Camberley v Welling; Burnham v Cray Wanderers (at Cray); Crawley v Chatham; Dorking v Fisher; Rayners Lane v Darenth Heathside; Wivenhoe v Sutton United; Gravesend and Northfleet v Herne Bay; Wick v Tooting and Mitcham. Marlow v Tunbridge Wells; Ramsgate v Shoreham; Whitehawk v *Littlehampton*; Banstead v Beckenham; Merstham v Thanet; Horndean v Tonbridge; Newport IOW v Totton; Chichester v Egham; Havant v Waterlooville; Fareham v Trowbridge.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Farnborough. Slough v Bognor. First division: Hampton v Basildon; Leatherhead v Wolverton. Second division north: Barton v Collier Row; Tring v Heybridge. Second division south: Chalfont St Peter v Flackwell Heath; Maidenhead United v Horsham; Petersfield v Hungerford.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: AFC Cardiff v Llanelli; Blaenrhondda v Milford; Brecon v Briton Ferry; Caerleon v Bridgend; Ebbw Vale v Pontllanfraith; Pembroke v Cwmbran; Port Talbot v Haverfordwest.

IRISH LEAGUE TNT CUP: Bangor v Crusaders; Coleraine v Carrick; Distillery v Cliftonville; Glenavon v Ards; Glentoran v Newry; Larne v Ballymena; Linfield v Portadown.

SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Arsenal v Luton; Brighton v Crystal Palace (2.0); Chelsea v Millwall (3.15); Ipswich v Portsmouth; Reading v Swindon (2.0); Southampton v Norwich; Watford v Tottenham; West Ham v Bristol Rovers (2.0).

FA VASE: Extra preliminary round replays: Great Harwood v Tadcaster; Liversedge v Kiveton Park; Northfield v Tividale; Totternhoe v Mount Grace.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: *Premier division:* Burton v Dartford; VS Rugby v Chelmsford. Midland division: Bridgnorth v Grantham; Coventry Sporting v Wellingborough; Dudley v Atherstone; Gloucester v Bilston; Moor Green v Banbury. Southern division: Andover v Gravesend and Northfleet; Baldock v Canterbury; Erith and Belvedere v Salisbury; Folkestone v Sheppey; Hastings v Waterlooville; Hounslow v Poole; Ruislip v Corinthian; Thanet v Chatham; Tonbridge v Dunstable.

WESTGATE INSURANCE CUP: First round: Nuneaton v Hednesford.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham v Plymouth Argyle; Clandown v Dawlish.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Shildon v Whitby (3.15).

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe v Belper; Bridlington Trinity v Guiseley; Harrogate Railway v Hallam; Ossett v Hatfield Main; Pontefract Collieries v Long Eaton.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR v Salford; Ellesmere Port and Neston v Colne; Glossop v Skelmersdale; Kirkby v Burscough.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0): First division: Cambridge United v Tottenham Hotspur; Fulham v West Ham; Ipswich v Portsmouth; Millwall v Watford; Norwich v Arsenal; Leyton Orient v Chelsea; Queen's Park Rangers v Charlton; Southend v Gillingham. Second division: Brentford v Oxford United; Bournemouth v Reading; Northampton v Crystal Palace; Luton v Bristol City; Southampton v Wimbledon; Swindon v Brighton and Hove; Tottenham Hotspur v Bristol Rovers.

Fine Fare Scottish League
Premier division
Aberdeen v St Mirren
Dundee Utd v Hibernian
Falkirk v Celtic
Hearts v Motherwell
Morton v Dundee
Rangers v Dunfermline

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Frickley v Caernarfon; Oswestry v Chorley. *First division:* Lancaster v Congleton; Winsford v Accrington Stanley.

First division
Clyde v Clydebank
Dumbarton v Forfar
E Fife v Queen of Sth
Hamilton v Partick
Kilmarnock v Raith
Meadowbank v Airdrie

Second division
Albion v Stirling
Alloa v E Stirling
Arbroath v Montrose
Berwick v Stenhousemuir
Brechin v Queen's Park
Cowdenbeath v Ayr
St Johnstone v Stranraer

GM Vauxhall Conference
Bath v Boston
Enfield v Altrincham
Maidstone v Kidderminster
Runcorn v Dagenham
Telford v Wealdstone

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance County Championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
DERBY: Derbyshire v Middlesex.
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Lancashire.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Leicestershire.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire.

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP
First division
Gloucester v Coventry
Leicester v Bath
Sale v Nottingham
Second division
Liverpool St Helens v Gosforth
London Irish v Bedford
Saracens v London Welsh
Third division
Plymouth v Sheffield
Vale of Lune v Exeter
North area
Birkenhead Park v Broughton Park
Roundhay v Northern
Rugby v Lichfield
Solihull v Durham
Stourbridge v Derby
South area
Askeans v Camborne
Southend v Salisbury
Streatham-Croydon v Lydney
Stroud v Havant
Sudbury v Cheltenham

MIDLANDS: First division: Mansfield v Stockwood Park. Pavors v Peterborough; Stafford v Hinckley; Stoke v Wolverhampton; Walsall v Barker's Butts. Second division west: Bromsgrove v Evesham; Dixonians v Worcester; Hereford v Tamworth; Leamington v Dudley; Newbold v Sutton Coldfield. Second division east: Loughborough v Leighton Buzzard; Matlock v Lincoln; Stamford v Stoneygate; Vipers v Kettering; Wigston v Newark.

NORTH: First division: Hull and ER v Wigton; Harrogate v Middlesbrough; West Park v Hartlepool Rovers; Otley v Tynedale; Widnes v Kendal. Second division: Alnwick v Davenport; Aspatria v Bradford and Bingley; Huddersfield v Lymm; New Brighton v Halifax; Wilmslow v Sandal.

CLUB MATCHES
Aberavon v Llanelli
Blackheath v Birmingham (2.45)
Boroughmuir v West Hartlepool
Bristol v Newport
Cardiff v Neath
Cross Keys v Pontypridd
Fylde v West of Scotland
Maesteg v South Wales Police
Metropolitan Police v Rosslyn Park
Morley v Selkirk
Moseley v Swansea
Northampton v Harlequins
Newbridge v Bridgend
Orrell v London Scottish
Penarth v Tredegar
Pontypool v Ebbw Vale
Richmond v Wasps
Waterloo v Nuneaton

CLUB MATCHES: Junior: Esher v Maidstone; Manchester v Ruthin; Winnington Park v Preston Grasshoppers; Worthing v Sidcup.

HOCKEY

TOURNAMENT: NatWest Women's European Cup (at Pickett's Lock).
CLUB MATCHES: Beeston v John Player; Bridgnorth v Ludlow; Bromsgrove v Pershore; Buxton v North Nottinghamshire; Coalville v Rarogaria; Derby v Belper; GEC Stafford v Kynoch; Grantham v Nottingham; Hampton v Birmingham Municipal; Kings Heath v Khalsa; Normanby Park v West Bridgford; Rugby v Bicester; Rugeley v Michelin; Stone v Edgbaston; Telford and Shifnal v Market Drayton; Walsall v Kingswinford; Wednesbury v Stafford; Worksop v Lincoln.
FESTIVAL: Kettering.

ICE HOCKEY

NORWICH UNION CUP: Preliminary round (6.30): Cleveland Bombers v Durham Wasps; Nottingham Panthers v Whitley Warriors; Solihull Barons v Southampton Vikings; Telford Tigers v Streatham Redskins (7.30).
AUTUMN TROPHY: Slough Jets v Swindon Wildcats (5.45).

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER NATIONAL AMATEUR LEAGUE (2.30): Dudley Hill v West Hull; Milford v Heworth; Millom v Egremont; Wigan St Patrick's Pilkington; Woolston v Leigh Miners.

OTHER SPORT

BOARD SAILING: First division Worlds (at Pentewan Sands, Cornwall).
CANOEING: Inter-club slalom championships (at Holme Pierrepont).
CROQUET: President's Cup (at Hurlingham).
EQUESTRIANISM: Remy Martin Burghley horse trials (at Stamford).
GOLF: Panasonic European open (at Walton Heath).
MOTOR CYCLING: Meetings: Brands Hatch (12.30); Snetterton (11.30); Cadwell Park (12.30).
MOTOR SPORT: Shell Oils RAC British open championship Manx rally (finishes at Douglas). Formula 2000 meeting (at Oulton Park).
PETANQUE: British open (at Osterley Park).
POWER BOATING: Guernsey international week.
SNOOKER: Fidelity Unit Trust international: Preliminary rounds (at Stoke).
SPEEDWAY: Jawa/Barum National League Riders' championship (at Coventry, 7.30).
TABLE TENNIS: Home quadrangular tournament (at Newcastle).
TENNIS: Silk Cut club championships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington); Sport Goofy Trophy (at Bath).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

Refuge Assurance League
2.0 to 7.0 unless stated, 40 overs
DERBY: Derbyshire v Somerset (1.30 to 6.30).
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Lancashire.
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Warwickshire.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Nottinghamshire (1.30 to 6.30).
HOVE: Sussex v Leicestershire.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire (1.30 to 6.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

JOHN SMITH'S YORKSHIRE CUP: First round: Bramley v Doncaster (3.30); Castleford v Hunslet (3.30); Featherstone v Batley (3.30); Hull KR v Bradford; Keighley v Halifax (at Halifax); Leeds v Hull; Mansfield v York; Wakefield v Sheffield (3.30).
GREENALL'S LAGER LANCASHIRE CUP: First round: Barrow v Wigan (2.30); Leigh v St Helens (3.30); Runcorn v Widnes; Salford v Fulham; Swinton v Rochdale; Warrington v Oldham; Whitehaven v Carlisle (3.30); Workington v Springfield (3.30).

ICE HOCKEY

NORWICH UNION CUP: Preliminary round (6.30): Durham Wasps v Peterborough Pirates. Southampton Vikings v Telford Tigers (5.30). Streatham Redskins v Medway Bears (6.15). Whitley Warriors v Cleveland Bombers.
AUTUMN TROPHY: Cardiff Devils v Lee Valley Lions (6.30).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: McVitie's challenge invitation (at Crystal Palace). Ordnance Survey Lakes Mountain Race (20miles, at Grasmere, Cumbria, 9.0).
BOARD SAILING: First division Worlds (at Pentewan Sands, Cornwall).
BOWLS: Kodak National under-25 championships (at Worthing).
CANOEING: Inter-club slalom championships (at Holme Pierrepont).
EQUESTRIANISM: Remy Martin Burghley horse trials (at Stamford).
GOLF: Panasonic European open (at Walton Heath).
HOCKEY: NatWest Women's European Cup (at Pickett's Lock).
MOTOR CYCLING: Snetterton meeting (10.30).
MOTOR SPORT: Meetings: West Kingsdown race day (at Brands Hatch, 2.0); Cadwell Park (12.30).
POWER BOATING: Guernsey international week.
SPEEDWAY: National League: Berwick v Newcastle (3.30); Mildenhall v Exeter (3.30); Rye House v Middlesbrough (4.0); Workington v Wimbledon (3.30). Pride of the Potteries (at Stoke, 7.30).
TENNIS: Silk Cut club championships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington). Sport Goofy Trophy (at Bath).

SPORT ON TV

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: Highlights of Victoria League: Semi-final. C4: 10.55 p.m.
BASEBALL 1987: NBC Major League: Philadelphia Phillies v Los Angeles Dodgers. ITV: 5 a.m. (tomorrow).
EQUESTRIANISM: Remy Martin Burghley horse trials: Live coverage from Stamford. BBC2: 4.20 p.m. (see also Grandstand).
INTERNATIONAL GOLF: Panasonic *European open: Third round highlights* from Walton Heath. BBC2: 8.30 p.m. (see also Grandstand).
GRANDSTAND: Football focus: Motor Sport: World championship 1,000 lakes rally from Finland and Istel Tourist Trophy race from Silverstone. Racing: 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races from Goodwood: Equestrianism: Remy Martin Burghley horse trials from Stamford; Golf: Panasonic European open championship from Walton Heath; Final score: 4.50 p.m. BBC1: 12.30-5.05pm.
RACING: 2.55, 4.10, 4.40 races and at 3.35 p.m., Holsten Pils St Leger Stakes from Doncaster. C4: 2.45 p.m.
SAINT AND GREAVSIE: ITV: 1.05 p.m. Results service: 4.45 p.m.
INTERNATIONAL TENNIS: United States Open championships: Women's final from Flushing Meadow, New York. BBC2: 9.20 p.m.-1.30 a.m.

Tomorrow

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Beginners' guide to the rules plus second half action from the American Bowl between Denver Broncos and Los Angeles Rams at Wembley. C4: 6 p.m.
INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS: McVitie's challenge from Crystal Palace. ITV: 2.30 p.m.
BASEBALL 1987: NBC Major League: Cincinnati Reds v Los Angeles Dodgers. ITV: 5 a.m. (Monday).
INTERNATIONAL GOLF: *Panasonic* European open: Highlights of final round from Walton Heath. BBC2: 12 a.m. (see also Sunday Grandstand).
SUNDAY GRANDSTAND: Golf: Panasonic European open championship from Walton Heath; Cricket: Refuge Assurance League: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire: Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire also contend first place; Equestrianism: Remy Martin Burghley horse trials from Stamford. BBC2: 1.30-6.50 p.m.
INTERNATIONAL TENNIS: United States Open championships: Live coverage of men's final from Flushing Meadow, New York. BBC2: 8.35 p.m.

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GOLF

Langer gives gleam of hope as Ryder Cup team struggles

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

Bernhard Langer yesterday captured the halfway lead in the Panasonic European Open at Walton Health then cast a question mark over Europe's prospects of retaining the Ryder Cup later this month.

Langer once again demonstrated his resilience in appalling conditions by weaving together an excellent second round of 67 for a halfway score of 137, seven under par, as driving rain contributed to several of his Ryder Cup colleagues having to struggle to survive the halfway cut.

Langer, partnering Sandy Lyle (73) and José-Mariá Olazábal (74), admitted: "Some members of our team are not playing well. Sandy is struggling slightly and José-Mariá has missed the halfway cut for a second successive week. I don't know him well enough to offer my assistance, but if he asked for any advice than I would gladly give it to him.

"Form, however can change overnight and I'm more concerned about the conditions we are currently playing in and our travelling arrangements for the match. It can not be helped that we are having to play in wet weather, but it does mean that the greens are very slow and they are likely to be the same at the Lancome Trophy in Paris next week.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	410	4	10	341	4
2	513	5	11	521	5
3	391	4	12	462	4
4	422	4	13	470	4
5	174	3	14	465	4
6	489	5	15	404	4
7	390	4	16	475	4
8	395	4	17	165	3
9	185	3	18	432	4
Out	3,373	36	In	3,735	36
Total yardage: 7,108					Par: 72

"That is not going to make our task any easier at Muirfield Village. We all know that Jack Nicklaus, their captain, will make sure that the greens are very firm and unbelievably fast — faster even than those at Augusta. We will need all the hours available to prepare ourselves fully for the match.

"Quite frankly I think we should be flying straight out from Paris after the Lancome on Sunday night. Instead we are having to fly to London where we will leave on Monday which means we are wasting a vital day's practice. It is not the best decision for the players, although there are probably other reasons such as the selling of tickets on a charter flight so that there is no financial loss made on the trip."

Tony Jacklin, the captain of the European team, sponsored by Johnnie Walker, said: "The transportation arrangements have nothing whatsoever to do with money. I decided it would be best for the team to gather in London on Monday week because not all the players are going to Paris and neither are their wives. The whole essence of the thing is team spirit.

Langer, however, provided some heartening news for Jacklin on the course with a flawless round. He gathered three birdies and an eagle two at the 10th, where he holed a 20-yard shot from a bunker, and even when he was struggling he kept his score intact with some adroit recovery strokes and precise putting.

Langer will move into the third round today with a two-shot lead over Gordon Brand jnr (69) and Derrick Cooper (70) with Robert Lee (72), Christy O'Connor jnr (70) and the Australian Rodger Davis (71), all one shot further adrift.

LEADING SECOND ROUND SCORES: (GB unless stated): 137: B Langer (WG), 70, 67. 139: G Brand jnr, 70, 69, D Cooper, 69, 70. 140: R Lee, 68, 72; C O'Connor jnr (Ire), 70, 70; R Davis (Aus), 69, 71. 141: R Chapman, 71, 70, P Senior (Aus), 71, 70; N Coles, 71, 70; S Ballesteros (Sp), 70, 71; P Way, 70, 71; J Bland (SA), 69, 72; C Tucker, 71, 70; J Hawkes (SA), 70, 71; J M Cañizares (Sp) 67, 74. 142: B Gallacher, 75, 67; P Mitchell, 73, 69; M Rowe, 73, 69. 143: B Longmuir, 73, 70; D Williams, 69, 74; M Davis, 73, 70; M Mouland, 71, 72; B E Smith (US), 71, 72; G Norman (Aus), 71, 72. 144: H Clark, 70, 74; I Woosnam, 73, 71; S Owen (NZ), 71, 73; R Rafferty, 74, 70; S Bennett, 75, 69; D Pruitt (US), 74, 70; M James, 73, 71; M Sunesson (Swe), 74, 70; D Graham (Aus), 71, 73; D Smyth (Ire), 69, 75.

Other Ryder Cup players' scores: 146: N Faldo, 73, 73. 147: S Torrance, 76, 71; E Darcy 74, 73 148: S Lyle, 75, 73. 151: J M Olazábal (Sp), 77, 74.

Triple triumph as Irish take crown

From John Hennessy, Lahinch, County Clare

Ireland rounded off a triumphant season of amateur golf by winning the Home International Championships for only the fourth time yesterday. More than that, by beating Scotland 10½-4½ they won all three matches and so carried off the mythical triple crown for the first time.

Earlier in the season Ireland had won the European Championship, but from that six-man team they lost their two young lions, John McHenry (now a professional) and Eoghan O'Connell (back now in the United States) and had to find seven more players. Clearly there was sufficient strength in depth.

Yesterday they walked all over Scotland in the five morning foursomes, yielding only half a point to George Macgregor and Jim Milligan. That meant they needed only three points in the singles for the championship, three and a half for the coveted triple crown. Any lingering anxiety in the afternoon was quickly banished.

England owed their second place in the tournament to a strong recovery in the singles. Having lost the foursomes 3½-1½, they needed six points from the ten matches in the afternoon, assuming that Scotland could not wreak terrible vengence on Ireland.

Kevin Weeks, the English Champion, led the way with a fine win over Paul Mayo, the Amateur Champion, and Peter McEvoy played brilliantly to overwhelm Richard Morris.

But England still needed to win the last three matches in, and they did so through Paul Broadhurst, David Curry and Roger Winchester.

RESULTS: Ireland v Scotland: Singles: Anderson lost to Shaw 4 and 3; Macnamara lost to Tait 1 hole; Hogan beat Milligan 2 and 1; Power beat Noon 3 and 2; McGimpsey beat Hird 3 and 2; Reddan halved with J Fleming; D Clarke halved with Macgregor; Gannon beat Watt 4 and 2; Pierse lost to Easingwood 1 hole; Rayfus beat Carrick 2 holes. Singles result: Ireland 6, Scotland 4. Match result: Ireland 10½, Scotland 4½. England v Wales: Singles: Weeks bt Mayo, 4 and 3; Eggo lost to Williams 1 hole; Roper bt Wood 5 and 4; Richardson lost to Roderick 4 and 3; Henry lost to Dodd 1 hole; A Robertson lost to Macara 6 and 4; Broadhurst bt Pesers 1 hole; Winchester bt M Calvert 1 hole; Curry bt Evans 3 and 2; McEvoy bt Morris 5 and 4. Singles Result: England 6, Wales 4. Match Result: England 7½, Wales 7½.

POLO

Horswell hero of Sladmore

By John Watson

The four-chukka end-of-season tournament went into the semi-final phase at Smiths Lawn yesterday, resulting in a 7-5 win for Sladmore against Southfield and a 7-3 win for La Manga against Pendell in the open; and a 5-3½ win for Mill Farm v Phoenix Park in the handicap section.

On the Sladmore side both forwards, McIldowie and Edgar, were especially prone to filing. Kent, who took Southfield's penalty shots, being in accurate form, converted three of them.

The impetus of Sladmore's onslaughts came from John Horswell. But the hero of his side was his brother, Edward, who galloped through from his place at back with two glorious goals.

La Manga gave an excellent demonstration of good tactics to gain their overwhelming triumph over Pendell.

SLADMORE: 1, P McIldowie (3); 2, I Edgar (4); 3, J Horswell (6); back, E Horswell (3). **SOUTHFIELD:** 1, J Yeoman (1); 2, M Gue (5), 3, A Kent (7); back, W Roberts (3). **LA MANGA CLUB:** 1, V Grace (0); 2, D Reid (4); 3, H Hipwood (9); back, P Grace (3). **PENDELL:** 1, C Atkinson (4); 2, M Amoore (4), 3, A Herrera (8); back, P Scott (3). **MILL FARM:** 1, P Hewett (1); 2, A Seavill (4), 3, R Shand (4); back, D Morley (3). **PHOENIX PARK:** 1, S Hutchinson (1); 2, D Copeland (2); 3, R Bayston (3); back, P Newell (3).

CF I: 1, C Dhillon (2); 2, J Kidd (4); 3, A Vianini (4); back, D Walton-Masters (3). **BRONCOS:** 1, Lord Milford Haven (1); 2, W Glennie (2); 3, W Lucas (4); back, J Lucas (5).

YACHTING

Grand Prix benefit for Warden Owen

By Barry Pickthall

Eddie Warden Owen, who has proved to be one of the top match-race helmsmen this year after winning the Congressional Cup, is the first to secure sponsorship for the initial three rounds of a new Grands Prix circuit starting next week with the Liberty Cup match race series in New York. He will have support from the Nat West Gold Plus Service.

The deal allows Warden Owen to take his Congressional Cup-winning crew of Guy Barron, Chris Mason, Jerry Richards and Patrick Banfield to compete first in New York, then the Australian series in Perth next month and then in Japan's Nippon Cup in November.

The round-the-world racer Bob Salmon was another to use the Southampton Boat Show yesterday to announce an "all out no excuses" entry for the 1989-90 Whitbread Race. Salmon, who skippered Norsk Data, Shay Blyth's former Great Britain II in the last circumnavigation, has commissioned the designer, Rob Humphreys, to produce an 80ft maxi, construction of which starts in January.

The overall cost of the campaign is expected to exceed £2 million which will be funded in part by the sale of GBII when she comes under the Christie's hammer in London next month, together with support of a sponsorship deal to be announced shortly.

● At the end of racing yesterday, the British International 14 Team led the Team Racing Series that is being sailed at Sendai on Japan's East coast.

REAL TENNIS

Meeting of champions

Wayne Davies, the world champion, plays Lachlan Deuchar, the British open champion, in one semi-final of the Laurent Perrier invitation singles tournament at Holyport today, and Chris Ronaldson, the former world champion, meets Graham Hyland, the US open champion, in the other (William Stephens writes).

An outstanding exhibition was given yesterday by David Johnson, the Queen's Club professional, and Hyland. Despite a six-point difference in international handicap, Johnson frequently bettered Hyland in the floor-game, in which both excel, producing classical cut-strokes with fine touch and retrieving prodigiously.

RESULTS: W Davies (New York) bt C Lumley (unattached), 6-1, 6-1, 6-2; L Deuchar (Melbourne) bt J Howell (Bordeaux), 6-1, 6-4, 6-0; G Hyland (unattached) bt D Johnson (Queens), 6-1, 5-6, 6-3, 6-4; C Ronaldson (Hampton Court) bt J Snow, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Oakland Athletics 3, Kansas City Royals 2; Boston Red Sox 5, Baltimore Orioles 4; Milwaukee Brewers 4, Detroit Tigers 3 (10 innings); California Angels 8, Texas Rangers 7. National League: Houston Astros 8, San Diego Padres 7.

BASKETBALL

CÁDIZ, Spain: European women's championships: Final pool results: Soviet Union 89, Czechoslovakia 81; Yugoslavia 72, Hungary 71. Fifth to Ninth place play-offs: Spain 92, Sweden 76; Italy 102, Spain 87; Sweden 70, France 54. Ninth and 10th places: Bulgaria 81, Poland 80. 11th and 12th places: Romania 65, Finland 64.

BOWLS

TORQUAY: Saga national tournament: Men's singles, final: D Nicholls (Kirkley, Lowestoft) bt R Rickard (Plymstock, Devon), 21-18. Women's singles, final: D Fletcher (Fleet, Hants) bt N Wardell (Ember, Surrey), 21-18. Men's pairs, final: R Theobald and C Morgan (Century, Wemoley) bt J Hughes and R Wall (Summerhill, Newcastle upon Tyne), 19-16. Women's pairs, final: E Smith and J Steven (Holmfield Park, Worthing) bt D Fletcher and E Saunders (Fleet, Hampshire), 25-16.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Southend: Essex 232 (M Field-Buss 73, A Clarke 4-29) and 259 for 6 dec (C Grimyer 59 no, A Clarke 5-92). Sussex 184 (C J Grimyer 4-50, I Pont 4-51) and 219 (S Jeffries 70, K Greenfield 58; I Pont 4-54). Essex won by 88 runs.

WEIGHTLIFTING

OSTRAVA, Czechoslovakia: World championships: 82.5kg class: 1, L Barsi (Hun), 390kg (180kg snatch, 210kg jerk); 2, S Li (USSR), 382.5kg (172.5, 210); 3, A Zlatev (Bul), 375kg (170, 205). British placing: 8, D Morgan, 355kg (150, 195)

EQUESTRIANISM

DONAUESCHINGEN, W Germany: Young Riders European show jumping championships: Team results: 1, Britain, 12pts; 2, France, 15; 3, W Germany, 19. British team scores: Viewpoint (P Heffer), 4 and 0; Killyon Diamond (N Hutson), 4 and 4; Excell (D English), 12 and 20; Landsaver Monsanta (G Greenwood), 0 and 0.

ROME: Junior European three day event championships: Dressage: 1, Walesse (M Kruemmel, WG), 52.2; 2, Highland Road (P Lyon, GB) 53.2; 3, Steadfast (W Fox-Pitt, GB), 57.8.

GOLF

SUTTON, Massachusetts: Bank of Boston classic: First round (US unless stated): 68: C Strange, J Mahaffey, R Stewart (Can). 66: L Trevino. 67: W Grady (Aus), P Azinger, G Burns, L Graham, J Haas, S Randolph, D Troler. 68: H Green, E Fiori, T Byrum, M Reid, G Sauers, C Rose, M Wiebe.

IBIZAMACHI, Japan: International tournament: Second round (Japanese unless stated): 136: M Kuramoto, 67, 69; Y Nizeki, 65, 71. 138: N Sugai, 67, 71; T Gale (Aus), 69, 69. 139: H Yasuda, 68, 71; L Nelson (US), 70, 69. 140: C Stadler (US), 72, 68.

CROARA: Italian WPGA Open tournament: Second round leaders (GB and Ireland unless stated): 142: L Neumann (Swe) 67, 75. 143: C Soules (Fr), 76, 67. 144: *S Croce (It), 74, 70. 145: K Douglas, 73, 72; L Davies, 73, 72. 146: S Moorcraft, 73, 73, C Panton 73, 73, B Helbig (WG), 74, 72; S Strudwick, 75, 71; A Sheard, 73, 73, J Connachan, 74, 72; P Johnson, 69, 77; A Jones (Aus).

* denotes amateur.

SQUASH RACKETS

KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysian Open championships: Men's semi-final: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt M Bodimeade (GB), 9-6, 9-5, 9-3; Q Zaman (Pak) bt B Beeson (GB), 9-3, 7-9, 9-6, 9-4. Women's semi-final: L Soutter (GB) bt F Roberts (GB), 9-2, 9-0, 9-1; A Cumings (GB) bt A Smith (GB), 9-3, 9-6, 9-1.

SNOOKER

STOKE: Fidelity Unit Trusts International: Second round: R Grace (SA) bt J Chambers (Eng), 5-4; S Newbury (Wales) bt M Fisher (Eng), 5-0; W Jones (Wales) bt J Dunning (Eng), 5-1; J Rea (Scot) bt R Bales (Eng), 5-2; J Wright (Eng) bt B Kelly (Ire), 5-2; I Williamson (Eng) bt M Gauvreau (Can), 5-1; J Rea (N Ire) bt J Foulds (Eng), 5-4; N Gilbert (Eng) bt J McLaughlin (N Ire), 5-4; C Roscoe (Wales) bt P Browne (Ire), 5-2; M Wildman (Eng) bt G Miles (Eng), 5-3; R Reardon (Wales) bt B Rowswell (Eng), 5-4; D Fowler (Eng) bt P Watchorn (Ire), 5-1; T Chappel (Wales) bt M Gibson (Scot), 5-2; R Chaperon (Can) bt V Harris (Eng), 5-4; M Morra (Can) bt L Dodd (Eng), 5-3; T Murphy (N Ire) bt P Medati (Eng), 5-3.

MOTOR SPORT

ISLE OF MAN: Tudor Webasto Manx rally: Shell Oils RAC British Open championship: Final round: 1, J McRae and I Grindrod (Sierra Cosworth), 1hr 43min 40sec; 2, P Airikkala and R McNamee (Cadet GSi), 1:44.40; 3, M Lovell and R Freeman (Sierra Cosworth), 1:46.01.

TENNIS

FLUSHING MEADOW: US Open tournament: Men's singles: Quarter-finals: S Edberg (Swe) bt R Krishnan (India), 6-2, 6-2, 6-2; M Wilander (Swe) bt M Mecir (Cz), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6. Men's doubles: R Seguso and K Flach (US) bt A Gomez (Ec) and S Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-3, 7-6, 7-5. A Jarryd and S Edberg (Swe) bt E Sanchez and S Casal (Sp), 6-4, 6-4, 6-0. Women's doubles: Quarter-finals: E Smylie (Aus) and K Jordan (US) bt S Walsh-Pete (US) and J Durie (GB), 6-1, 6-4; S Graf (WG) and G Sabatini (Arg) bt L McNeil and Z Garrison (US), 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; B Nagelsen (US) and A Hobbs (GB) bt H Sukova (Cz) and C Kohde-Kilsch (WG), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Mixed doubles: Quarter-finals: R Reggi (It) and S Casal (Sp) bt J Byrne and K Warwick (Aus), 6-1, 6-3.

ATHLETICS

BRUSSELS: IAAF Mobil Grand Prix final: Men: 400m hurdles: 1, K Young (US), 48.65sec; 2, D Patrick (US), 48.50; 3, R Amike (Nigeria), 48.88.

Giver and receiver: Naseem Hamed and Nigel Burrows begin a seven-year partnership

CRICKET

Rain again curses bizarre day

By Marcus Williams

LORD'S: Middlesex (4pts) drew with Hampshire (7).

The final comment on a bizarre last day of the Lord's season yesterday was provided by the sight of two sprinklers operating at full tilt on the edge of the square. This came shortly after the game had been called off following four stoppages for rain and bad light, which had been falling steadily for most of the period since tea and seen play continue in awful conditions.

The contest had promised much before the intervention of the weather and was finally called off with four overs remaining and Middlesex 41 runs short of a demanding target of 337 with four wickets in hand. Nine previous overs of the final 20 had already been lost but the umpires twice got the players back on to the field, all this taking place amid indifferent light.

Another excellent innings from Carr, who made 88 and shared valuable partnerships with Gatting and another of the Middlesex young hopefuls, Brown, had put his side in sight of an improbable victory. Once Marshall had removed Carr with a flier from the freshened pitch immediately after tea, Emburey took them closer with a typically vigorous 53 from 52 balls.

Emburey's efforts meant Middlesex required 53 runs from six overs when the players came out for the last time but after he was bowled by Marshall, making too much room even for one of his idiosyncratic cuts, Downton and Sykes were happy shortly afterwards to accept the invitation of the umpire to come off. Hampshire, who looked for most of the day as though they expected victory to come rather more easily to them, were less enthusiastic about the decision.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings 250 (M D Marshall 99; A R C Fraser 4 for 67).
Second Innings 214 for 7 dec (D R Turner 52).

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 128 (S J W Andrew 4 for 28).

Second Innings	
W N Slack c Andrew b Connor	21
J D Carr c Parks b Marshall	88
*M W Gatting lbw b Cowley	43
K R Brown c C L Smith b Maru	40
M R Ramprakash b Maru	12
†P R Downton not out	17
J E Emburey b Marshall	53
J F Sykes not out	3
Extras (b 12, lb 5, nb 2)	19
Total (6 wkts)	296

A R C Fraser, N G Cowans and P C R Tufnell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-109, 3-195, 4-213, 5-225, 6-291.

BOWLING: Marshall 23-6-60-2; Connor 15-2-48-1; Andrew 14-1-42-0; Maru 12-5-84-2; Cowley 16-0-45-1.

Umpires: B Leadbeater and R Palmer.

Agnew top

Jonathan Agnew has been named Leicestershire's player of the year. The England fast bowler, enjoying the best season of his career, has taken 99 wickets and also hit a career-best 90 against Yorkshire at Scarborough recently.

Gower feels that old verve again

By Ivo Tennant

LEICESTER: Leicestershire (22pts) beat Gloucestershire (8) by eight wickets.

Any threat to a Leicestershire victory yesterday came from the weather rather than from the Gloucestershire attack. For some days the locals had predicted just this, and as it grew ever darker so the tempo of the innings altered. We have the threat of a hurricane to thank for some rapid and rare stroke play.

Briers made his second hundred of the season and Boon an excellent half-century, but neither could match Gower who was by no means looking to his winter break. Concentration was the key to his innings. Spots of rain were falling at the end, but "Hurricane Bird" had yet to appear.

Leicestershire's final match starts today, against Kent at Canterbury. On this form they will, if they manage it, be worthy runners up. They will, though, be without DeFreitas, whose groin strain prevented him bowling on Thursday.

Leicestershire needed 230 to win yesterday, on a pitch which belied its colour by getting better and better. Once Walsh's first spell proved wicketless — Boon was dropped off him — there was scant chance of Gloucestershire bowling Leicestershire out.

Briers and Boon began with 85, scoring their runs all around the wicket. The latter played on and Willey, who played one drive of ferocious power, was soon caught behind, but Gower was in his most felicitous mood. Here was a challenge worthy of his full attention.

He was missed once, attempting to loft Lloyds over mid-off, and a couple of overs later perfected the stroke, clearing both fielder and boundary. At times he appeared to be picking out the advertising boards like Colin Cowdrey was wont to do. He and Briers, who also batted splendidly, put on 122 in 24 overs.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 302 (J W Lloyds 105, A W Stovold 53; P A J DeFreitas 7 for 85).
Second Innings 153 (L B Taylor 6 for 47).

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings 226 (J J Whitaker 61; C A Walsh 5 for 112).

Second Innings	
T J Boon b Sainsbury	50
N E Briers not out	102
*P Willey c Russell b Walsh	9
D I Gower not out	62
Extras (b 2, lb 5)	7
Total (2 wkts)	230

†P Whitticase, J J Whitaker, L Potter, P A J DeFreitas, J P Agnew, G J F Ferris and L B Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-85, 2-108.

BOWLING: Walsh 15-4-35-1; Sainsbury 18-2-61-1; Bainbridge 11-0-49-0; Shepherd 13-4-50-0, Lloyds 6-0-28-0.

Umpires. J H Hampshire and A A Jones.

More trouble brewing for Yorkshire

By Martin Searby

Yorkshire, the county with the unfortunate habit of shooting itself in the foot, has lost its sponsor for the second consecutive season. Servowarm pulled out because of the rifts in the club, to be replaced by Bassett's, the sweet manufacturers, who gave £20,000 this season.

But a company called Yorkshire Sports Promotions also entered into a deal, with Joshua Tetley, the brewers, and that has led to a hiatus the Yorkshire committee has done little to resolve.

While winning the Benson and Hedges Cup, their first knock-out trophy for 18 years, the Yorkshire players were regularly pictured and seen wearing a Tetley outfit which did little to boost Bassett's confidence in Yorkshire's seriousness of approach.

Yorkshire have not received any money from Tetley, apart from the minor fees appertaining to sweaters and shirts, whilst Bassett's have been largely ignored by the Yorkshire committee throughout the season.

The south Yorkshire sweet company was quite happy with its launch, but showed itself to *be somewhat naive in the matter* of sport promotion, while David Bairstow, the former captain, who is a director of Yorkshire Sports Promotions, stepped in to make his deal far more viable than that the county had negotiated with the sweet company.

Yorkshire really have to buck up and pay rather more attention to people willing to give them £20,000 a year than has been apparent over the last couple seasons, or they will find that there will not be a path beaten to their door to put money into coffers which are largely emptied on wasteful contracts.

Injured Dilley doubtful

Graham Dilley, the England fast bowler, who last played for Worcestershire a month ago, is considered a doubtful starter with a side strain for the final Britannic Assurance county championship game of the season against Northamptonshire at New Road today.

Dilley had a work-out in the nets yesterday morning and will have another fitness test today before any decision is made Dilley has only played in six county games for Worcestershire since his move from Kent.

Ian Botham returns to the side following a badly bruised arm received against Warwickshire last week.

Leicestershire's England all-rounder, Phillip DeFreitas, has been ruled out of the county's final match of the season against Kent at Canterbury. He is suffering from a groin strain, and fast bowler George Ferris is also doubtful

Derby are spurred by Wright

By Ian Stafford

Somerset, chasing what seemed to be a reasonable target, were thankful to draw at Taunton against **Derbyshire** in the Britannic Assurance county championship. After the visitors had declared at 275 for five, a total reached largely due to Wright, whose 118 included 12 fours and two sixes. Somerset were ready to accept the challenge of hitting 264 to win.

Although most of their batsmen scored runs, notably Crowe and Rose, wickets fell regularly, with Finney proving a difficult handful. At 176 for seven, Somerset accepted the chance to end events.

The elements thwarted two other matches from producing potentially exciting climaxes. **Yorkshire** settled for a draw in their final match of the season against **Warwickshire** at Scarborough

The visitors managed to escape from the unpromising overnight position of 82 for four with some defiant innings, notably from Humpage, whose 69 benefitted from two dropped slip catches. The night-watchman, Munton, plodded to a career-best 38 in 67 overs while, Smith hit a brisk 89

Their declaration proved far from generous, leaving Yorkshire a target of 279 in 85 minutes and 20 overs. Still, Metcalfe made a stylish unbeaten 58 from as many deliveries and passed 1,000 runs for the season in the process.

A similar story at Hove saw play finished prematurely after **Sussex** had used Houdini tactics to recover from their overnight 39 for six and declare on 153 for nine, leaving **Northamptonshire** an interesting 260 for victory.

Reeve continued his unexpected form with the bat this season by amassing a staunch unbeaten 56. Smith recorded career-best bowling figures of six for 72.

Top three do battle to the wire

By Marcus Williams

One of the main issues of the 1987 season will be settled tomorrow with the concluding matches in the Refuge Assurance League.

Three counties are still in contention and while there has been much talk of Nottinghamshire achieving a treble, their chance of winning this competition depends on Worcestershire being defeated by Northamptonshire.

Worcestershire lead Nottinghamshire (who are away to Surrey) and Derbyshire (Home to Somerset) by two points and a huge crowd is expected at New Road, expecting to see Worcestershire secure their first Sunday title since 1971. The other two contenders have never won the league.

Leading positions

	P	W	L	T	NR	Pts
Worcs	15	10	4	0	1	42
Notts	15	8	3	0	4	40
Derbys	15	8	3	1	3	40

The title will be Worcestershire's if they gain four points by beating Northamptonshire or two points from a no result or from a tie.

Though Nottinghamshire or Derbyshire could finish level on points if they won and Worcestershire gained only two points, Worcestershire would take the title because they have had more wins.

If Worcestershire lose, however, the way becomes open for either of their pursuers. If only one of those counties wins, they become champions: if both win, Nottinghamshire would finish top because, although winning the same number of games as Derbyshire, they would have four away wins to Derbyshire's three.

Ian Botham, who has been a leading contributor to Worcestershire's success, is fit after an arm injury but Dilley, who has taken eight wickets in only six Sunday appearances, Pridgeon and Illingworth are less certain to play.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Yorks v Warwicks

SCARBOROUGH: Match abandoned: Yorkshire (8pts) Warwickshire (7).

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 292 (A J Moles 101, Asif Din 77; P Carrick 4 for 71, P W Jarvis 4 for 76).

Second Innings	
T A Lloyd b Jarvis	36
A J Moles b Jarvis	10
Asif Din lbw b Jarvis	0
D L Amiss c Blakey b Jarvis	4
†G W Humpage b Sidebottom	69
T A Munton b Metcalfe	38
D A Thorne lbw b Swallow	0
P A Smith c Sidebottom b Metcalfe	89
G C Small b Love	8
T A Merrick not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 15, nb 14)	33
Total (9 wkts dec)	289

*N Gifford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-22, 2-22, 3-30, 4-144, 75, 5-143, 6-144, 7-254, 8-285, 9-289

BOWLING Jarvis 14 1-2-39-4, Sidebottom 14-1-40-1, Carrick 26-12-53-0, Hartley 16.5-2-44-0 Swallow 19-7-26-1 Love 6 2-0-50-1 Metcalfe 4-1-18-2

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 303 for 9 dec (J D Love 67 not, P E Robinson 62, A A Metcalfe 60)

Second Innings	
M D Moxon b Merrick	6
A A Metcalfe not out	58
P E Robinson not out	5
Extras (lb 1, nb 1)	2
Total (1 wkt)	71

R J Blakey, I G Swallow, J D Love, †D L Bairstow, *P Carrick, A Sidebottom, P J Hartley and P W Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKET. 1-40.

BOWLING: Small 8-0-33-0, Merrick 7-1-24-1, Gifford 2-1-12-0, Lloyd 1-0-1-0; Munton 0.2-0-0-0.

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and N T Plews.

Somerset v Derbyshire

TAUNTON: Match drawn: Somerset (7pts), Derbyshire (7).

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 254 (J E Morris 113, A J Wright 78, N A Mallender 7 for 61).

Second Innings	
*K J Barnett c Hardy b Marks	82
A J Wright st Burns b Woolston	118
B Roberts c Crowe b Marks	2
†B J M Maher lbw b Mallender	4
R Sharma b Woolston	14
R J Finney not out	20
A E Warner not out	25
Extras (lb 6, nb 4)	10
Total (5 wkts dec)	275

J E Morris, P G Newman, M Beardshall and D E Malcolm did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-163, 2-173, 3-180, 4-219, 5-228

BOWLING. Jones 3.2-0-28-0; Mallender 15-1-53-1 Marks 38-9-92-2 Rose 8-1-26-0 Woolston 27-7-70-2

SOMERSET: First Innings 266 (M D Crowe 72, *P M Roebuck 67)

Second Innings	
N A Felton c Maher b Warner	9
*P M Roebuck c Sharma b Newman	27
J J E Hardy c Maher b Newman	16
M D Crowe c Roberts b Beardshall	46
G D Rose c Roberts b Finney	39
J G Wyatt st Maher b Finney	11
V J Marks not out	14
†N D Burns b Finney	0
N A Mallender not out	10
Extras (lb 2, w 1, nb 1)	4
Total (7 wkts)	176

R G Woolston and A N Jones did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-38, 3-73, 4-139, 5-145, 5-156, 6-156, 7-156.

BOWLING: Malcolm 11-3-29-0, Warner 10-2-23-1; Newman 8-3-31-2, Finney 10-0-47-3, Beardshall 5-0-22-1, Sharma 2-0-15-0, Barnett 3.4-1-7-0

Umpires J W Holder and J A Jameson

Sussex v Northamptonshire

HOVE Match abandoned Sussex (5pts) Northamptonshire (6)

SUSSEX: First Innings 408 for 6 dec (*†I J Gould 111, C M Wells 96, A P Wells 79)

Second Innings	
R I Alikhan c Ripley b Smith	2
A M Green b Smith	1
P W G Parker b Robinson	6
A P Wells lbw b Robinson	4
P Moores c Larkins b Smith	8
C M Wells b Smith	10
*†I J Gould b Smith	9
D A Reeve not out	56
A C S Pigott c Harper b Smith	13
S J S Kimber c Ripley b Robinson	13
A M Babington not out	11
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 13)	20
Total (9 wkts dec)	153

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-2, 2-11, 3-11, 4-20, 5-34, 6-38, 7-68, 8-88, 9-122

BOWLING Robinson 16-2-45-3, Smith 23-4-72-6, Harper 11-3-18-0, Wild 5-1-11-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 302 for 4 dec (R J Bailey 113 not, A J Lamb 52)

Second Innings	
*G Cook not out	2
W Larkins not out	2
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (no wkt)	5

R J Bailey, A J Lamb, R G Williams, R A Harper, G Smith, D J Wild, †D Ripley, N G B Cook and M A Robinson did not bat.

BOWLING: Pigott 1-0-2-0; Reeve 0.5-0-2-0.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and K J Lyons.

BOXING

Schoolboy in unique investment scheme

By a Special Correspondent

"Brendan Ingle has more boxing knowledge in his little finger than I'll ever possess," was Nigel Burrows's justification yesterday for committing himself to a seven-year sponsorship of a national schoolboy champion.

Ingle, the man who steered the career of Herol "Bomber" Graham, obviously knows a good thing when he sees it. In what is surely one of the most intriguing sporting sponsorships on record, Burrows, managing director of the Harrogate financial services company, Analysis Group plc, has agreed to underwrite the equipment, training and travel costs of Naseem Hamed, aged 13, from Sheffield.

At present that amounts to around £300 a year, but it is a blank cheque as far as Burrows is concerned. "If it takes more than that to make sure the lad makes it to the top, then the money will be there," he said yesterday. "I have been very impressed with what I have seen so far, but more importantly so has Brendan."

In fact, Ingle rates Hamed a better prospect than Graham at the same age. "He's been training for the last four years, but I've only put him out in the last year and he's gone from nowhere right to the top. Quite simply, the kid's brilliant."

Hamed, Sheffield-born of Yemeni parents, is clearly well placed. Burrows says: "Seven years might seem a long time to commit oneself, but after watching Naz in action I'm determined to see this through and to make sure that at the end of the day he doesn't come out of it empty-handed. I'll back him all the way as an amateur, and when he turns professional we'll be there to guide him.

"So many professional boxers come out of the game with nothing to show for it, and we hope that our association will benefit him throughout his career."

For the moment, Hamed's amateur status must be protected and the sponsorship is being administered by Keith Darlow, northern regional officer of the National Association of Boys Clubs.

HOCKEY

McLeod's goal is decisive

By Joyce Whitehead

Scotland	2
Ireland	1

A goal from Moira McLeod six minutes from time decided a closely-fought match between well-acquainted teams in Scotland's favour at the second European Cup for women, sponsored by National Westminster Bank, at Pickett's Lock, north London, yesterday. Scotland's victory earned them a meeting with Spain, convincing winners against Wales, for the play-off for fifth place today.

The Scots, intent on attack, took the lead in the third minute when the Irish goalkeeper mistimed her tackle and left Caroline Jordan with an empty goal into which to shoot. From then on, neither team was able to make much headway, constantly surrendering possession of the ball and, in the circles, failing to get in a telling shot. Joanne Menown and Jaqui Potter both made brave attempts but were thwarted.

From one penalty corner Ireland hit the post but their fourth brought the equalizer from Deidre Deasy in the 54th minute. Time was running out when Scotland gained their second, and decisive, penalty corner.

Wales had a nasty shock, being beaten by Spain 6-0. At their last meeting three years ago, Wales won but within minutes yesterday Spain had cracked in the first goal and were five up by half-time. The Welsh defence seemed to melt away, such was the Spanish pressure. Sue Crowly moved from right wing to centre-back in the second half to mark the elusive Natalia Dorado and this stemmed the tide somewhat. Wales meet the Irish for seventh place today.

RESULTS: Semi-final: Netherlands 2, West Germany 1 Fifth to eighth places play-off group: Scotland 2, Ireland 1; Wales 0, Spain 6. Ninth to twelfth places: France 3, Austria 1. Belgium 2, Italy 1 (aet, 1-1 after normal time).

Today's fixtures: Play-offs: Fifth and sixth place: Scotland v Spain Seventh and eighth: Wales v Ireland. Ninth and tenth: France v Belgium Eleventh and twelfth: Austria v Italy.

BADMINTON

Dublin proves Baddeley was right to train

Steve Baddeley learnt much from his first foray in Europe since becoming the first post-war Englishman to reach the All England semi finals in March (Richard Eaton writes). The Commonwealth and national champion lost 15-12, 15-5, 15-12 in the Danair/Europcar International Challenge in Dublin on Thursday to a man who was three years ago an All England semi-finalist himself, Michael Kjeldsen.

It taught Baddeley that his controversial decision to miss the world championships and have a training break has made him fitter and faster. At the same time he must still pace himself carefully if he is to beat nimble fellows like Kjeldsen.

Darren Hall had a splendid 16-17, 15-6, 15-10 victory over Paul-Eric Hoyer, of Denmark, and will test Baddeley to the utmost this season.

Government moves to curb the abuse of anabolic steroids

By John Goodbody

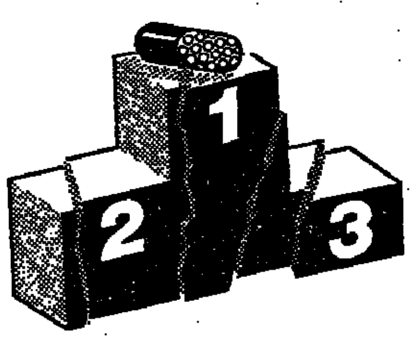
The Government yesterday took the first step to outlaw people possessing anabolic steroids, the muscle-building drug, if they do not have a medical prescription. The Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs has been asked by the Home Office to consider whether anabolic steroids should be brought within the controls of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971.

If the Council agrees, then the legislation could be extended to make it a criminal offence to possess, supply, traffic or manufacture the drug illegally, as is now done with heroin, cocaine and cannabis.

This would satisfy the repeated appeals of *The Times* to give the Police the power to stop the import of drugs and also for them to be able to arrest people possessing anabolic steroids, if they are not being used for medical purposes.

The controversy over drugs-taking in sport has intensified this year. A British bodybuilder has died from the effects of taking steroids. David Jenkins, the former European 400 metres champion, has been charged in the United States with being the mastermind of an international drug-smuggling ring. There has been a series of disqualifications in athletics and weight-lifting following positive tests, and last weekend the American, Carl Lewis, the quadruple Olympic champion, accused some gold medal winners at the world championships of taking banned substances to improve performances.

Douglas Hogg, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, said yesterday: "There is growing evidence of a dubious trade in these drugs, which, in this country, are normally available only on prescription. The misuse of steroids, particularly in sport, has been a matter of concern for some time.



"I have therefore decided in consultation with Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, to ask the advisory Council to consider the current level of misuse and to advise whether it would be appropriate to control anabolic steroids under the Misuse of Drugs Act."

Mr Moynihan and Sebastian Coe are preparing a report for the Government on drugs-taking in sport. They are well aware of the concern that much of the abuse takes place in the growing number of body-building clubs, which are not covered by the testing programme supported by the Sports Council, which concentrates on major sporting competitions.

The Misuse of Drugs Act seems an appropriate vehicle because it embraces those drugs that are capable of having harmful effects sufficient to constitute a social problem.

As *The Times* has pointed out, anabolic steroids, which are banned by the International Olympic Committee and the Sports Council, have harmful and sometimes lethal side-effects. In the United States, as the book *Death in the Locker Room* by Bob Goldman makes clear, there have been numerous deaths and severe ailments from taking excessive amounts of the drug.

Anabolic steroids have a valid use in medicine. The drug aids in the utilization of protein and so, for instance, can assist underweight children to gain weight.

But since the late 1950s they have been employed in a wide variety of sports, not only to gain weight but to recover more quickly from the intensive training sessions necessary for success in many international sports.

One person who was particularly gratified with the news was Sir Arthur Gold, the chairman of the Sports Council Drug Abuse Advisory Group, whose campaign has had the aura of a mission. He said yesterday: "This is a tremendous step forward. I am delighted at the news."

Sir Arthur is vice-chairman of the Council of Europe's Committee for Drug Abuse in Sport. It was the Committee's recommendation that persuaded the Council last October to pass a resolution to try to close the loophole that allowed drugs to be smuggled across borders of member countries. The Government is at last preparing to carry out what was agreed at that meeting.

It has always been possible for anyone entering Britain in possession of steroids to plead that the drugs were for personal use. As Sir Arthur says: "Like other drugs, if you intercept the supply, you reduce the problem."

Abrahams keeps Lancashire on course for title

By Richard Streeton

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire (22pts) beat Surrey (7) by four wickets.

A memorable victory by Lancashire in atrocious light yesterday evening left the Britannic Assurance county championship still undecided. Should Lancashire take maximum points from their final match against Essex, which starts at Chelmsford today, they will draw level with Nottinghamshire on 292 points and will take the title with 10 wins against their rivals' nine.

Lancashire maintained their challenge when they reached a target of 276 in sixty overs with 14 balls to spare. John Abrahams missed his second hundred of the match by eight runs as he led Lancashire's run chase, which was finally completed by brilliant attacking strokeplay by Watkinson.

Surrey's defeat deprived them of any chance of taking the runners-up place. Overall it was a magnificient day's cricket with Surrey sharing full credit for the way they maintained attacking fields and kept the match open. This was Lancashire's fifth consecutive win. They faltered in the home straight when three wickets fell in successive overs before Hegg stayed put as Watkinson scored the decisive runs.

Lancashire needed 114 in the final 20 overs, with light drizzle threatening to turn into heavy rain any moment. Fortunately the rain never came but the light was dreadful as Clarke and Feltham bowled at their fastest against Abrahams and Watkinson with the fieldsmen spread wide for the first time.

Fierce driving and pulling, together with some fortunate edged strokes, kept the total mounting and 71 came in the first 10 overs, leaving 43 wanted from the last 10. Abrahams, who hit 11 fours, was then superbly caught left-handed by Richards as the wicketkeeper flung himself sideways to hold a snick.

Hughes drove a catch against Feltham to short extra cover in the next over and Allott was caught at deep point against Clarke at the other end. It left Lancashire needing 19 from six overs. Watkinson had already pulled two sixes against Mays and Feltham and he went on to win the game with his fifth four when he flicked Clarke to square-leg.

Mendis and Fowler did a fine job for Lancashire earlier by weathering a particularly hostile spell from Clarke in the poor visibility. Mendis was dropped at gully in Clarke's second over but there were no other alarms before the openers fell within ten minutes of each other.

Fowler was the first to go when Clarke, having changed ends, had him leg-before as the batsman pushed forward. Mendis was out when he fended off a short pitched ball, possibly from his glove and Smith ran forward from second slip to take the catch. Atherton and Abrahams went carefully until tea when Lancashire were 74 for two.

Afterwards both batsmen prospered as Surrey used their spinners. Medlycott and Mays, with three or four men always in close catching positions. Atherton made room to drive or pull both bowlers with impressive certainty, remembering his inexperience, while Abrahams also found the gaps.

These two put on 93 in 21 overs before Atherton was run out. Abrahams turned Mays down to long leg where Jesty hit the stumps direct from 40 yards with Atherton just short. When the final hour began, Lancashire were 162 for three from 40 overs and the thrilling closing assault was launched.

Greig's declaration 35 minutes after lunch was generous but it had to be made if Surrey were to have a chance to win themselves. Bicknell again looked a sound player in Surrey's innings and Stewart and Lynch both hit freely.

Britannic Assurance county championship

	P	W	L	T	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Notts (4)	24	9	1	-	14	68	80	292
Lancs (15)	23	9	4	-	10	53	71	268
Leicester (7)	23	8	3	-	12	53	72	253
Surrey (3)	24	7	4	-	13	65	73	250
Hampshire (6)	24	7	3	-	14	59	73	244
Yorks (9)	24	7	3	-	14	52	58	222
Northants (9)	23	7	3	-	13	44	66	218
Derby (11)	23	5	5	1	12	49	66	203
Worcs (5)	23	4	4	-	15	56	66	186
Gloucs (2)	23	4	8	1	10	58	50	180
Somerset (17)	24	2	3	-	19	61	70	163
Glam (17)	23	3	8	-	12	40	69	157
Essex (1)	23	2	3	-	18	43	73	156
Warwicks (12)	24	2	7	-	15	48	67	147
Kent (8)	23	2	7	-	14	50	63	145
Middx (12)	23	2	7	-	14	47	56	135
Sussex (14)	24	1	8	-	15	47	56	119

1986 positions in brackets
● Essex total includes 8pts for drawn match when scores finished level
● Northamptonshire total includes 12pts for win in one-innings match.

SURREY: First Innings 379 (T E Jesty 124 not, D J Bicknell 61, A J Stewart 60, †C J Richards 53).

Second Innings

D J Bicknell not out	85
D M Smith lbw b Allott	1
K T Medlycott c Watkinson b Patterson	23
A J Stewart run out	66
M A Lynch st Hegg b Folley	37
T E Jesty b Simmons	4
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 6)	14
Total (5 wkts dec)	230

†C J Richards, *I A Greig, M A Feltham, C S Mays and S T Clarke did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-45, 3-153, 4-225, 5-230.
BOWLING: Patterson 8-1-29-1; Allott 8-1-45-1; Watkinson 4-0-30-0; Folley 14-1-68-1; Simmons 10.5-1-50-1.

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 334 for 8 dec (J Abrahams 140 not, G D Mendis 62).

Second Innings

G D Mendis c Smith b Clarke	32
G Fowler lbw b Clarke	18
M A Atherton run out	45
J Abrahams c Richards b Clarke	92
M Watkinson not out	57
*D P Hughes c Greig b Feltham	2
P J W Allott c Stewart b Clarke	9
†W K Hegg not out	4
Extras (b 8, lb 8, w 1)	17
Total (6 wkts)	276

J Simmons, I Folley and B P Patterson did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-55, 3-148, 4-245, 5-248, 6-257.
BOWLING: Clarke 18.4-1-79-4; Feltham 10-1-54-1; Medlycott 12-1-49-0; Mays 15-2-68-0, Lynch 2-0-10-0.
Umpires: R Julian and D O Oslear.

Deadly farewell

Derek Underwood, the former England left-arm spinner, makes his farewell appearance in first-class cricket when he plays for Kent against Leicestershire at Canterbury today.

Farewell drink: Rice (left) and Hadlee celebrate the end of their county championship campaigning days in fitting style

Last word on an era for Notts

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire (24pts) beat Glamorgan (2) by nine wickets.

Nottinghamshire will have spent much of yesterday feeling fairly confident that, by nightfall, they would be county champions. When, just before noon, they beat Glamorgan at Trent Bridge, they were greeted as though they already were, the players appearing on the balcony of the old pavilion before a cheerful gathering of supporters. But Lancashire had other ideas.

There were valedictory speeches yesterday from Rice and Hadlee, in which they exhorted their colleagues to carry on the good work next year, and then from Robinson, who has the difficult task of succeeding Rice as captain. Hemmings said a few words, and Ken Taylor, the team manager, was called upon. Significantly, too, Rice raised his glass to Ron Allsop, the skilful groundsman, and asked him "to take a bow".

The NatWest Trophy was produced and Nottinghamshire could yet complete an unprecedented treble, the Sunday League included. At Trent Bridge, though, yesterday was when an era ended, one dominated by two very fine cricketers, the New Zealander as calculating as the South African, and one no less masterful than the other.

Since coming to Trent Bridge in 1975, Rice has scored 17,115 runs for Nottinghamshire at an average of just over 40 and taken 476 wickets. Hadlee has taken 615 wickets at 15 apiece, 97 of them this season, and scored 5,854 runs with an average of 30. Together they must constitute the best overseas investment an English county ever made. The only side to have beaten Nottinghamshire in the championship this season are Worcestershire, who did it at Kidderminster in the first week of July without their own two recruits, Botham and Dilley.

Between June 23, when they were last but one in the championship, and yesterday, Nottinghamshire's nine home matches brought them seven of their nine victories and 172 of their 292 points. Visiting batsmen have padded up at Trent Bridge with the same sense of foreboding as they did against Surrey at the Oval in the 1950s. So, for that matter, must some of Nottinghamshire's. In 14 innings there this season, for example, Robinson passed 50 only once.

So now Nottinghamshire must face life without "Clive and Richard", without half their batting and more than half the bowling in fact. But thanks to them, the county have found out what it is like to win and the people of Nottinghamshire know now where Trent Bridge is.

Reinforcements will be forthcoming for next year, no doubt. Franklyn Stephenson, a towering Barbadian, who has bowled with some success for Tasmania and is the champion golfer of Barbados, is expected to join the staff.

Let me finish, though, by quoting Hadlee on his time at Trent Bridge. "I owe the club a great deal because they taught me the game, they taught me finesse. It's no coincidence that New Zealand have enjoyed a lot of success with, first, Glenn Turner, then myself and now Martin Crowe getting a good grounding in county cricket." But we learn from them as well — as Robinson made a point of saying yesterday.

GLAMORGAN: First innings 111 (E E Hemmings 5 for 12).

Second Innings

A R Butcher b Hadlee	0
J A Hopkins lbw b Hadlee	8
H Morris c French b Pick	20
M P Maynard c Robinson b Hemmings	93
G C Holmes c French b Hemmings	10
P A Todd b Hadlee	7
J Derrick c French b Hadlee	57
I Smith c Broad b Hadlee	0
†C P Metson b Pick	12
P D North c French b Hadlee	2
S J Base not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 11)	17
Total	226

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-14, 3-64, 4-107, 5-126, 6-158, 7-158, 8-220, 9-223.
BOWLING: Hadlee 18.4-6-38-6; Saxelby 11-3-34-0; Hemmings 29-8-97-2; Pick 15-5-39-2; Rice 5-2-12-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 300 for 5 dec (*C E B Rice 104 not, J D Birch 65, P Johnson 55).

Second Innings

B C Broad not out	21
R T Robinson c Metson b Derrick	9
M Newell not out	5
Extras (lb 3, nb 1)	4
Total (1 wkt)	39

P Johnson, *C E B Rice, J D Birch, R J Hadlee, †B N French, E E Hemmings, R A Pick and K Saxelby did not bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-20.
BOWLING: Smith 3-1-5-0; Derrick 4.4-1-20-1; Maynard 2-0-11-0.
Umpires: J H Holder and D Lloyd.

Sprint duo a race apart

From Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent
Brussels

Ben Johnson and Carl Lewis did another sprint two-step, or rather side-step in the Mobil Grand Prix Final in the Heysel Stadium here last night. Just as in Rieti last Tuesday, the sprint stars of the world championships appeared in different races within minutes of each other.

Johnson ran in a specially mounted 200 metres field, while Lewis ran in the Grand Prix final. Both won, but it was not inevitable. Johnson has pretentions to running the longer distance in the Olympic Games next year. He had better start work on it now. Although his opposition was not as poor as Lewis inferred, after building up a good lead off the wide bend, the Canadian had difficulty holding off his compatriot, Desai Williams.

Lewis had an appalling start, even by his low standards, and was led by Robson da Silva of Brazil until the last 50 metres. Then Lewis turned it on, and strolled home in front of the world champion, Calvin Smith. But the Johnson Lewis arguments did not end there.

If anything, the war of words between the two has been even louder after the event, the event being Johnson's decisive victory over Lewis in the world championships 100 metres. Lewis claims, among other things that Johnson has avoided him since Rome, while Johnson and Charlie Francis, his coach say that Lewis has made a succession of excuses every time Johnson has beaten him.

Lewis complained, with some justification that the public was being short changed. He said: "It is sad for the fans, but the fact is he just does not want to run against me. I'm prepared to run against him, and it wasn't even a question of the money. What was a question of money was the refusal of Lewis's manager, Joe Douglas to bring his charge to London tomorrow for the McVitie's meeting.

Douglas said that the London organizers were not prepared to pay $2,000 for Danny Everett, a member of the United States' 4 x 400 metres gold medal team in Rome. So Douglas pulled out his whole squad, which is a pity since Everett last night won the 400 metres in the Grand Prix final in 45.28sec.

But much more interesting is an interview Johnson gave to Catalan television, saying that he intends to retire after the Olympic Games in Barcelona. He said: "I will be 31 (in 1992), and I will try to stay in form until then.

Johnson also reiterated that if the world championship race had been at altitude, instead of 9.83sec, which already took 0.1sec off the previous record: "I would have run between 9.75 and 9.79sec.

Cecil equals Day record with double

Henry Cecil equalled John Day's 120-year-old record of 146 winners in a season when Humble Pie and Homo Sapien landed the first two races at Goodwood yesterday.

The Newmarket trainer, who is at bloodstock sales in the United States, is poised to capture the record outright today, with either Pharoah's Pride at Chepstow, or Reference Point at Doncaster.

Both Cecil's winners yesterday were partnered by Willie Ryan as stable jockey Steve Cauthen elected to go to Doncaster.

Pat Eddery reduced Cauthen's lead in the jockey's championship to eight with a Doncaster double on Warning, the new 2,000 Guineas favourite, and Rimsh.

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Contented Lendl looks a winner

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, New York

The men's singles final of the United States championships will feature an American resident who finds Flushing Meadow so congenial that he has won the title more than once — and a Swede who has never reached the final before and must be vaguely aware, at the back of his mind, that even the great Bjorn Borg never won here. That much is already evident from the line-up for today's semi-finals: Ivan Lendl v Jimmy Connors and Mats Wilander v Stefan Edberg.

Lendl feels at home in two senses. He lives in Connecticut and commutes to Flushing Meadow daily, taking time off to enjoy the company of his girlfriend and his dogs and play an occasional round of golf. Moreover, hard courts suit him. Lendl likes a well ordered world in which he can pursue perfection without being irritated by unpredictable distractions. That means he prefers courts, like these, on which the bounce is consistent.

Champion for the past two years, Lendl has won 19 consecutive singles matches here and has also won his last 13 encounters with Connors. The last time Connors beat him was in a final at Tokyo in October 1984 — the last tournament Connors won. Aged 35, Connors has an injured foot and has done remarkably well to reach the last four, as he did at Wimbledon. He thrives in the noisy, boisterous environment of New York. But he is unlikely to take more than a set, if that, from Lendl.

Edberg has won his last two matches with Wilander and should beat him again. Wilander played impressive tennis to beat Miloslav Mecir 6-3, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6 in a quarter-final that lasted three hours and 37 minutes. Edberg had looked even more formidable. This year he is moving better and, partly as a consequence, has more confidence in his ground strokes. It follows that he has become more patient and discreet in going to the net.

He lost only six games to Ramesh Krishnan, a charming but comparatively lightweight player. One game lasted 24 minutes and contained 38 points. Edberg won it and both men reacted as if they had read and understood the writing on the wall.

Anne Hobbs, of Britain, and Betsy Nagelsen, of Florida, otherwise known as Mrs Mark McCormack, advanced to the doubles semi-finals with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over the Wimbledon champions, Claudia Kohde-Kilsch and Helena Sukova. That success took Miss Hobbs' prize-money here to almost £17,500.

Miss Hobbs, incidentally, has been frustrated in three ambitions. "One", she says, "was to hold up the FA Cup at Wembley. That was impossible, because I was the wrong sex. The second was to hold up the trophy at Wimbledon. The third — for which I'm also a little late — was to get a gold medal for a track event at the Olympics". Well, Miss Hobbs is a good little athlete and a bonny fighter. She could have had an interesting career in track and field.

In the men's doubles final, the top seeds, Edberg and Anders Jarryd, champions of Australia, had to play the Wimbledon champions, Ken Flach and Robert Seguso.

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Todd's time may be wasted

By Jenny MacArthur

Mark Todd, of New Zealand, already lying first at the Burghley Remy Martin horse trials with his Olympic gold medal winning horse Charisma, have moved into third place with his second horse, Wilton Fair, after completing the best test on the second day of dressage yesterday.

Diana Clapham, who will start on today's speed and endurance phase — which is the toughest seen at Burghley in recent years — despite her injured knee, has retained second place on Jimney Cricket.

Todd, who is taught by Bill Noble, was pleasantly surprised by Wilton Fair's improved test yesterday. The time, however, that he has spent improving the horse since he started riding him in March may go to waste because the 10-year-old gelding is for sale. Mrs Lucy Robinson, the horse's owner said yesterday: "It was a very difficult decision because Mark has got on so well with him — the ideal answer would be if someone bought the horse for Mark to continue riding."

Unusually for the second day of dressage only two other riders managed to creep into the top ten. Rodney Powell is now lying equal seventh with Helen Ogden on Streetlighter after a mixed test on the eight-year-old The Irishman, owned by Carphone Team Cellnet.

David O'Connor, one of the most promising young American riders, completed the third best test yesterday to move into joint ninth place on the magnificent Border Raider — a horse bought from Britain's Judy Bradwell.

Both Powell and O'Connor are out to impress in today's cross country course. Powell wants to prove to selectors that The Irishman's refusal at Gatcombe last month was untypical while O'Connor intends to prove that Border Raider's second place at last year's Polish Championships — his first major international competition — was no fluke.

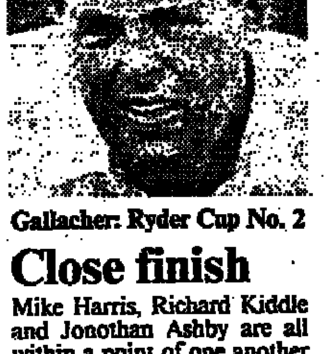
RESULTS (Overnight after dressage): 1, Charisma, M Todd (NZ), 35.2; 2, Jimney Cricket, D Clapham (GB), 40; 3, Wilton Fair, M Todd, 44.2; 4, HMS Dash, K Millikin (US), 44.4; 5, Lutin, K Lende (US), 45.2, Arbour Hill, K Reuter (US), 45.2; 7, Streetlighter, H Ogden (GB), 47.2, The Irishman, R Powell (GB), 47.2; 9, Bolebec Miler, A-M Taylor (GB), 47.8, Border Raid, D O'Connor (US), 47.8; 11, Regal Realm, L Green (GB), 48.2.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Gallacher is back-up

Bernard Gallacher will again be at Tony Jacklin's side when Europe defend the Ryder Cup against the United States at Muirfield Village, Dublin, Ohio, on September 25 to 27.

The Wentworth professional, who made eight successive cup appearances before missing the victory at The Belfry in 1985, said: "Tony has asked me to help him out again and I'm delighted to do so."



Gallacher: Ryder Cup No. 2

Draw card

The Young Masters tennis tournament is likely to be switched from Stuttgart in December to Friedrichshafen on Lake Constance from November 24 to 28 so Boris Becker can defend his title.

Close finish

Mike Harris, Richard Kiddle and Jonothan Ashby are all within a point of one another before tomorrow's grand prix triathlon final at Willen Lake, Milton Keynes, completes the 12-race series. Cathy Bow, from Greenford, has only to finish to win the women's section.

Death inquiry

Bertie Hunt, the organizer of last month's motor-cycling grand prix at Dundrod, Northern Ireland, in which Klaus Klein, the West German, was killed, has been ordered to appear before the sport's governing body in Paris next month. Some riders claim Hunt should have postponed the race after a heavy downpour.

Ten indoors

The International Football Federation (FIFA) will sponsor an international indoor five-a-side football tournament in Brasilia from tomorrow until September 20 with teams from Argentina, Belgium, Chile, The Netherlands, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain, the United States and hosts, Brazil.

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